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SPECIAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Its Special Sessions Held at Carlisle, Pa.

In the Month of June, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Four.

The sessions commenced on the evening of the fourteenth and continued until the afternoon of the fifteenth of the month inclusive.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the First Reformed church of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday evening, June 14th, A. D. 1904, at 8 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the call issued by the president.

The opening sermon was preached by the president, Rev. Miles O. Noll, from 1 Samuel vii. 12 and 1 Chronicles xii. 32.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the president formally opened Synod with prayer.

The synodical roll was then called by the stated clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers—J. K. McKee, H. J. Hillegas, E. B. Lyttle, H. H. Apple.

Elders—E. A. Rice.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers—L. E. Coblentz, S. M. Roeder, C. S. Slagle, A. Conner, E. L. Coblentz, J. W. Pontius, G. A. Whitmore, D. J. Wolf, J. T. Rossiter, D. D., R. J. Pilgram, E. R. Deatrick, B. D., W. S. Fisher, J. S. Hartman, G. A. Snyder, J. B. Stonesifer.

Elders—C. M. Thomas, E. Cornman, J. Gassman, I. R. Hoffman, T. M. Hoffman, L. F. Kefauver, G. W. Crum, A. Conner, W. S. Kefauver, G. W. Eyerly, R. F. Thomas.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers—I. N. Peightel, F. F. Bahner, D. D., E. O. Keen, C. A. Santee, W. C. Cremer, D. D.

Elders—J. A. Diehl, J. E. Omwake, I. H. Kieffer, F. R. Bossert.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers—A. H. Smith, J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., R. R. Jones, J. H. Guy.

Elders—H. E. Bailey, J. H. Keller.

V.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers—J. H. Smith, T. J. Barkley, D. D.

Elders—G. W. Weaver, J. P. Butt, J. H. Schriver.

VI.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

No delegates were present.

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers—M. O. Noll, G. W. Shellenberger, J. T. Fox, W. H. Groh, E. E. Weaver.

Elders—S. S. Brenner, Dr. E. A. Shulenberger, F. A. Daihl.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers—P. A. DeLong, H. Obold, J. D. Miller, W. C. Slough, L. Robb, J. S. Heffner, G. W. Welsh.

Elders—J. Brewster, G. L. Freet, L. Roudabush, J. L. Grove, G. S. Grove, C. C. Roudabush.

Advisory Members.

There were present at the sessions of Synod the following advisory members:

Mercersburg Classis—Rev. C. H. Ranck.

Gettysburg Classis—Revs. J. C. Bowman, D. D., J. M. Mickley.

Carlisle Classis—Rev. H. H. Wissler.

THE CALL.

The call issued by the president was read. It is as follows:

CARLISLE, PA., *May 6th, 1904.*

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE POTOMAC SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Dear Brethren: Having had placed in my hands the prescribed constitutional request for a special meeting of Potomac Synod, I hereby call the same to convene in the First Reformed church of Carlisle, Pa., on Tuesday, June 14, 1904, at 8 o'clock p. m., to take action on the following items of business:

1. To receive and consider the resignation of the Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis and Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

2. If the resignation of Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., is accepted, to elect his successor in said professorship.

3. To confirm the election of a professor of Systematic Theology, and that of a professor of Practical Theology, should notice be given by the Eastern Synod and the Pittsburg Synod, respecting either or both, that such election had taken place.

MILES O. NOLL,
President of Synod.

It was, on motion, taken up for consideration item by item,

Under Item I three papers were presented and read in the order of their presentation.

(*a*) A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

HARRISBURG, PA., *May 30, 1904.*

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary received and instructed me to transmit to your reverend body the resignation of Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis, and I herewith enclose the same. Sincerely yours,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

(*b*) Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary held a special session in Lancaster, March 22, 1904. The exigencies of the Seminary demanded such a meeting, and were found to be of so grave a nature as to constrain the Board to adopt measures to secure a special meeting of the Synods having control of the institution. The report addressed to your reverend body has been sent in the same form to the other two synods, that all the synods may have a full view of the situation, and take such action severally and conjointly as the conditions may require.

At its special meeting the Board directed its secretary to report to the synods the facts as they then existed. At that time Rev. William Rupp, D. D., was in a critical condition of illness and there was no hope that he would ever be able to resume his duties. At the same time Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart was physically enfeebled, but there was a reasonable hope that he might be spared to the Church if he should be relieved of his exacting duties.

The Board's action was to suggest to the synods that the above-named professors be relieved of their duties, that provision be made for them during their natural lives, that men be elected to fill the chairs respectively held by them, and that Dr. Gerhart be declared Professor Emeritus, with the salary he then received and the use of the house he then occupied.

These suggestions have been disposed of by a higher Power, since it has pleased our Father to call his faithful servants to rest. The remaining feature of the situation as it then was is unaltered, and will duly appear under Item III of this report.

I. The Board reports to your reverend body the death of Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, and in so doing records its grateful appreciation of the eminent services he rendered to the Church and her institutions during his long life.

Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., was born June 13, 1817, and died May 6, 1904. He was one of the students of the first school of our Church in York, Pa. He moved with the school to Mercersburg, Pa., where it became Marshall College, and graduated in 1838.

He was successively pastor, missionary pastor, instructor, college president, and theological professor. In all these departments of service he filled his places of trust with credit to himself and honor to the Church. He rendered efficient service to our central institutions at Lancaster for almost fifty years, never shirking either responsibility or service. Whoever will reflect upon the history made by the Church during these years and the part he had in moulding her life will also have a growing appreciation of the value of such a man and the esteem in which his memory should be held. He bore the heat and burden of the day; preserved his vigorous intellect to the end of his long and useful life, and filled the exacting demands of his position down to the preparation of what proved to be his last report of the condition and needs of the institution he had so long and faithfully served. He was the senior member of the faculty, having filled the chair of Systematic Theology from 1868 to the close of the Seminary year 1904. He led the graduating class to the College chapel May 1, 1904, and reverently took part in the services. When

the work of the year was done, and the doors of the institution were closed, on the following day he fell asleep. It was fitting, it was beautiful, that one whose life was so methodical, regular, and exact should be honored by our heavenly Father to linger until the work of the year was finished.

We recommend that Synod proceed at once to fill the chair of systematic theology by an election of a successor to Dr. Gerhart.

II. It is with great sorrow that the Board makes known the death of Rev. William Rupp, D. D., professor of Practical Theology. Dr. Rupp was born April 17, 1839. He died April 3, 1904. Faithful and laborious in his devotion to the Church as a pastor, he brought his great abilities and capacity for work to the service of the Seminary upon the acceptance of the call tendered him by the Pittsburg Synod in 1892. He entered upon his labors in the Seminary in January, 1894. In his own department of instruction, in the editorship of the "Reformed Church Review," and in other public duties, he called attention to the Church and Seminary as a centre and sphere of advanced thinking, of broad liberality, and positive faith. He was fearless in investigation, submissive to the authority of truth, and clear and forceful in the presentation of any subject he handled. By his departure the Seminary has lost one who gave the best years of his life to its service, and who spared not his time and strength in the heavy labors of his position. If he undertook more than his strength permitted, it was because of his energy and honesty, which impelled him to labor to the full measure of his powers.

We recommend that Synod proceed at once to fill the chair of practical theology by an election of a successor to Dr. Rupp.

III. Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis, on March 22, gave notice of his intention to resign. After thirteen years of faithful service, greatly appreciated by the Church and Seminary, Dr. Bowman feels constrained to re-enter the pastorate. The reasons assigned for this course were such, and the earnestness of his purpose so evident, that the Board, regretting as it does the loss of his valuable services, could not interpose an objection to his announced purpose. His resignation was laid before the Board and received by it May 5, and has been transmitted to the stated clerk of the Synod of the Potomac.

We recommend that in the event of the acceptance by Synod of the resignation of Dr. Bowman, it proceed at once to fill the chair of New Testament Exegesis by an election.

IV. We recommend that the persons elected to the respective chairs be directed to take up their work at the earliest practical moment.

V. Since the election of a professor by one synod is not final until said election is approved by a majority of the three synods, we recommend to your reverend bodies respectively, that as soon as you have taken action you report the same to the other synods, and that you remain in session long enough to receive and act upon the reports they may send to you.

It will be understood that Item I calls for the action of the Eastern Synod, Item II for that of the Pittsburgh Synod, Item III for that of the Synod of the Potomac, and Items IV and V for that of all the synods.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Harrisburg, Pa., June 6, 1904.

(*c*) The resignation of Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis.

DR. BOWMAN'S RESIGNATION.

TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Dear Sirs and Brethren: At a special meeting of your Board, held March 22, 1904, I gave notice of my purpose to resign my office as teacher of theology in the Seminary, in order to resume the work of the pastorate.

Through your reverend body I herewith present to the Synod of the Potomac my formal resignation, to take effect September 22, 1904. The aforesaid date is specified conformably to the provision of the Constitution of our Church.

From the secretary of your Board I have received a copy of your action, wherein you express appreciation of my services during the thirteen years of my connection with the Seminary. I am pleased to acknowledge gratefully this kind expression on your part.

That there may be no harmful interruption of the work of the Seminary through my act of resignation, I cheerfully consent to your request to continue my professional services, so far as my new duties may permit, till a successor enter upon the work of his office.

The many kind requests from representatives of the three synods that I should revoke the notice of my purpose to resign my office, and continue my services in the Seminary, and similar kind appeals from the Senior class in the Seminary and other members of the student-body, have borne heavily upon my mind and heart. I greatly respect the judgment and wishes of my brethren, and shall ever feel grateful for their esteem and confidence. And yet, as a result of much prayer and earnest reflection, I am constrained to heed what I regard as a paramount call of duty—fully persuaded that in resuming the work of the pastorate I can render the Church no less valuable service than in the office of theological teacher.

To the Synod of the Potomac, which called me to my present office, and to the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods, which confirmed the same, I feel greatly indebted for the high honor conferred upon me, and for their confidence and uniform kindness during the years of my professional service.

To the Board of Visitors and to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary I am pleased to acknowledge like grateful obligation for their constant kindness.

It is especially gratifying to me to be permitted to state that there is no element of discouragement in my present relations to the Seminary acting as a cause for my resignation. In parting from my colleagues and from the student-body I bear with me no other than the most pleasant memory of mutual kindness and cordial fellowship.

As a final word, permit me to add that my heart is pledged to unabated interest in the Seminary, and that I shall not cease to pray for her welfare and prosperity.

I remain, Reverend Sirs,

Yours most sincerely,

JOHN C. BOWMAN.

Lancaster, Pa., May 5, 1904.

After the reading of the papers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation for the faithful and efficient services Dr. Bowman has rendered to the Church.

After a long and earnest discussion, the resignation of Dr. Bowman was accepted.

Dr. Bowman expressed his thanks to Synod upon the acceptance of his resignation.

A committee, consisting of Revs. J. S. Hartman, T. J. Barkley, D. D., and Elder F. R. Bossert, was appointed to draft resolutions relative to the resignation of Dr. Bowman, and the death of Revs. Drs. E. V. Gerhart and William Rupp.

This committee, at the session on Wednesday afternoon, presented the following as their report. It was received, read and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING DRS. BOWMAN, RUPP AND GERHART.

To the Synod of the Potomac.

Fathers and Brethren: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the resignation of Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D., the death of Rev. Prof. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., and the death of Rev. Prof. William Rupp, D. D., begs to offer the following:

Whereas, The Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., guided, as we believe, by the Holy Spirit, has resigned the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in the Seminary at Lancaster; and,

Whereas, God in his providence has removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant Drs. Gerhart and Rupp; be it

Resolved, I. That this Synod record its grateful appreciation of the faithful labors of Dr. J. C. Bowman, and that in the acceptance of his resignation we hereby express the regret that he has been constrained to sever his relations with the Seminary—relations that for thirteen years have been blest of God in the inspiration given the students under him and the Church at large. Always ready to answer the call of the Church, in any capacity, he has been untiring in his efforts to increase the efficiency of the Seminary and add luster to her renown in the theological circles of the day.

No less brilliant have been his labors for the material prosperity of our School of the Prophets. The Seminary buildings, her complete furnishings and conveniences, all stand a lasting monument to his efficient labors, supported by a loyal, grateful constituency in the Church.

We also express the best wishes and prayers of the Synod for his future success, and for his personal welfare and that of his family.

Resolved, II. That in the death of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., who so many years served the Church in the capacity of pastor and teacher, we, with the whole Church, mourn his departure from us, and hereby express the sense of loss we have sustained, together with the Church at large.

Dr. Gerhart's life, so closely entwined with the history of the Seminary and the Church in the last half century, has at every turn brought credit to his noble Christian manhood and honor to the Church. The moulding influence of his life and words will ever continue, and the esteem in which his memory is held will not wane. Possessed as he was of remarkable vitality and brilliant mind, he has given to the Church a long, useful life of faithful service, which the future will gratefully mention with the names of his illustrious co-laborers.

Resolved, III. That in the death of Rev. William Rupp, D. D., who died in the vigor of his manhood, the Church has sustained another great loss.

As pastor, editor, professor, his labors have been marked by a devotion that was at once faithful and forceful. Influenced by what he regarded the truth, and after unlimited research, he occupied, as a thoroughly conscientious thinker, a position in advance of the times in which he labored.

We recall with pleasure his valuable service within the bounds of this Synod, and the respect that his advice and counsel commanded. He was one of God's noblemen, possessing a great heart, a self-sacrificing spirit, and a ready mind, which was willingly exerted in behalf of the Church.

Resolved, IV. That with this brief mention of our appreciation of the life and service of these faithful teachers of theology we direct the stated clerk to furnish an official copy of this action to the Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., and the

families of Dr. Gerhart and Dr. Rupp, and also to the "Messenger" and "Christian World" for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Stewart Hartman,
T. J. Barkley,
F. R. Bossert,

Item 2. The Synod then proceeded to elect a successor to Dr. Bowman in the chair of New Testament Exegesis. After a season of prayer, the roll of the classes was called. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., was placed in nomination by the Classis of Zion. The nomination was endorsed by each of the other classes as they were severally called.

Revs. E. O. Keen, R. J. Pilgram, and Elders J. E. Omwake and G. W. Weaver were appointed tellers. The ballot was taken. The result, as subsequently announced by the tellers, was the unanimous choice of Dr. W. C. Schaeffer, with the exception of one complimentary vote for Rev. E. N. Kremer, D. D.

The officers of Synod were directed to inform Dr. Schaeffer of his election to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, extend to him the call to the same, and inform him of the terms, namely, the revenue from the invested funds for this professorship and the use of a house, which the officers were instructed to provide for him. The officers were further instructed, in the event of the acceptance of the call by Dr. Schaeffer, to arrange for his installation.

Item 3. At the session of Wednesday afternoon telegrams were received from the Synod of Pittsburgh, announcing the election of Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., as professor of Practical Theology, by that Synod, and from the Eastern Synod, stating that Rev. Theodore F. Herman had by that Synod been elected professor of Systematic Theology.

The action of these two synods was unanimously ratified in each case.

An order for $10 was passed on the treasurer for expenses incurred in calling the meeting and for incidentals.

Rev. George A. Snyder, president of Catawba College, was accorded the privilege, of which he availed himself, of ad-

dressing the Synod upon the work of that college and the work of education on the part of our Church in the South.

A vote of thanks was tendered the pastor and congregation of the First Reformed church of Carlisle for their hospitality during the present sessions of Synod.

The stated clerk was instructed to notify the Eastern and Pittsburg Synods of our action.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business for which Synod was called together having been transacted, whilst a motion to adjourn was pending, the minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the absentees at the final roll-call were excused. The motion to adjourn was then carried.

The members of Synod joined in the repetition of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The doxology was sung and the president pronounced the benediction. The president thereupon declared Synod adjourned *sine die*.

MILES O. NOLL, *President.*
E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

An official copy from the original minutes.
E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions Held at Everett, Pa.

IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOUR. THE SESSIONS COMMENCED ON THE EVENING OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH AND CONTINUED UNTIL THE EVENING OF THE THIRTY-FIRST OF THE MONTH INCLUSIVE.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Trinity Reformed Church of Everett, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 26th, A. D., 1904, at 7.30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Miles O. Noll.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President formally opened Synod with prayer. The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—J. Kern McKee, Hiram J. Hillegass, Henry H. Apple, E. Bruce Lyttle, Israel S. Leiby, H. M. J. Klein.[5]

Elders.—John Gebhard, Israel Laucks, Milton W. Bahn.[5]

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Conrad Clever, D. D., John M. Schick, D. D., James M. Mullan, B. D., Geo. A. Whitmore, Eugene L. McLean, Calvin S. Slagle, Robt. J. Pilgram, Gustav R. Poetter, E. Ranson Deatrick, B. D., Fred. W. Bald, B. D., Chas. W. Levan, John W. Pontius, Samuel M. Roeder.[2]

Elders.—Jacob H. Cost, John Gassman, Adrian C. McCardell, Ephraim Cornman, Edmund S. Everhart, W. Scott Kefauver, Albert S. Remsberg, Freelan Ankeny, Calvin A. Thomas, John T. Webster, Jas. B. Black, Clinton C. Thomas.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Charles A. Santee, Gideon P. Fisher, Chas. M. Smith, John O. Reagle, Clayton H. Ranck.[3]

Elders.—M. A. Foltz, T. G. Zarger, M. M. Gilland, John Kell.[3]

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—Andrew H. Smith,[2] Geo. G. Everhart, Joseph E. Guy, Ben. K. Hay, A. Theo. Wright, J. W. Rauch.[2]

Elders.—Wm. D. Levy, G. L. Hoffman, C. R. Bosserman, Dr. E. J. Will.[2]

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Elder.—L. H. Moose.[2]

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Marsby J. Roth, Alex. P. Frantz, Nathan W. Sechler, Theo. C. Hesson, Edwin W. Stonebraker, T. J. Barkley, D. D.[4]

Elders.—Frank D. Hesson, Geo. W. Hoffman, Samuel Deatrick, Jacob H. Schriver, Emanuel Cluck.[2]

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—Frank L. Kerr, Henry W. Wissler, Charles A. Waltman, George W. Shellenberger, Miles O. Noll.

Elders.—P. G. Kell, David A. Myers, Samuel A. Crist.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—A. Thos. G. Apple, Benjamin F. Bausman, Preston A. DeLong, John D. Hicks,[2] Albert F. Nace, John O. Heffner.[2]

Elders.—Jas. L. Weber, Jas. H. Stone, W. B. Kauffman,[2] J. L. Grove,[2] D. Neff.[2]

NOTE.—The figure at the end of a name indicates the day on which the delegate took his seat. He was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., occupied the seat of Rev. Clayton H. Ranck during Friday's session.

Revs. A. P. Frantz, and T. C. Hesson were excused on Saturday, and Revs. E. L. McLean and Jas. E. Guy, and elders J. T. Webster, C. C. Thomas, A. S. Remsberg and L. H. Moose on Monday morning.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. S. S. Miller, C. Noss and Licentiate J. H. Apple.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and Prof. W. M. Irvine.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. L. T. Lampe.

North Carolina Classis.—Rev. G. A. Snyder.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. J. D. Miller, D. G. Hetrick, W. C. Slough, H. Obold, W. E. Garret, C. Gumbert, C. F. Althouse, Elders Max Beckhoefer, Philip Snyder, Frank S. Richards.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. D. N. Dittmar, T. M. Yundt, R. W. Miller, D. D., C. J. Musser, D. D., D. W. Ebbert, D. D., Licentiate E. M. Hartman.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. D. H. Leader, C. W. Summey, A. R. Kremer, D. D.

Ohio Synod.—Rev. A. V. Casselman.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. G. G. M. Brown, of the Lutheran Church; Rev. A. Lamberson, of the Methodist Church; Rev. E. L. Kennedy, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. F. I. Sigmund, of the Baptist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. J. W. Pontius, *President,* Middletown, Md.

Hon. M. A. Foltz, *Vice-President,* Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. B. K. Hay, *Corresponding Secretary,* Mt. Crawford, Va.

Rev. J. M. Mullan, B. D., *Reading Clerk,* Baltimore, Pa.

Elder Chas. M. Wolff, *Treasurer,* Hanover, Pa.

Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., *Stated Clerk,* Woodberry, Baltimore, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as the church, excepting the last two pews. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 and 2.30 o'clock, and close at 11 and 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7.30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. David Miller, A. T. G. Apple, H. J. Hillegass; Elders Jacob L. Weber and M. M. Gilland.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., Charles M. Smith, Geo. G. Everhart; Elders Jacob H. Schriver and P. G. Kell.

Overtures.—Revs. P. A. DeLong, J. M. Schick, D. D., Harry H. Apple; Elders Israel Laucks and W. Scott Kefauver.

Publication.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Charles A. Santee, Ben. K. Hay; Elders Albert S. Remsberg, G. L. Hoffman.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. E. Bruce Lyttle, G. A. Whitmore, Charles M. Smith; Elders M. A. Foltz, Wm. D. Levy.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., Frank L. Kerr, B. F. Bausman; Elders A. C. McCardell and Frank D. Hesson.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. M. O. Noll, E. L. McLean, A. P. Frantz; Elders E. Cornman and T. G. Zarger.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. E. W. Stonebraker, Geo. W. Shellenberger, Jos. E. Guy; Elders C. C. Thomas and John Gebhard.

Education.—Revs. C. Clever, D. D., A. F. Nace, C. S. Slagle; Elders J. Gassman and C. R. Bosserman.

Orphans' Homes.—Revs. Charles A. Waltman, Nathan W. Sechler, A. P. Frantz; Elders C. A. Thomas and Samuel Deatrick.

Missions.—Revs. Harry H. Apple, G. R. Poetter, Henry W. Wissler; Elders J. H. Cost and G. L. Hoffman.

Committee on Sunday-schools.—Rev. R. J. Pilgram, A. H. Smith, Theo. C. Hesson; Elders M. M. Gilland and F. Ankeuny.

Finance.—Revs. Charles A. Santee, C. W. Levan, A. H. Smith; Elders Israel Laucks and J. B. Black.

Nominations.—Revs. H. J. Hillegass, F. W. Bald, John O. Reagle; Elders M. A. Foltz and J. T. Webster.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the

former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminaryat Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of President J. S. Stahr, D. D., Ph. D., of Franklin and Marshall College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board were received, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received. Being in printed form they were distributed in lieu of reading, and the reports were then referred to the above committee.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication was laid before Synod in printed form, and, after distribution, it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read, and then referred to a special committee.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services re-

ported as follows, whose report was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday, October 26, 7.30 p. m.—Opening sermon by the President, Rev. Miles O. Noll. Altar service, Revs. G. G. Everhart and Geo. A. Snyder.

Thursday, October 27, 7.30 p. m.—Home Missions—Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., presiding. Altar service, Rev. G. A. Whitmore. First topic, "Missions," Rev. Chas. W. Levan; second topic, "Our Country's Need," Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Friday, October 28, 7.30 p. m.—Rev. Chas. A. Santee presiding. First address, "Some Ideals in Woman's Education," Prof. Jos. T. Apple; second address, "The Church Paper in the Home and its Influence," Rev. Cyrus J. Musser, D. D.; "The Theological Seminary"—addresses by Revs. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and Christopher Noss.

Saturday at 3 p. m.—Preparatory service. Altar service, Revs. E. W. Stonebraker and G. G. Everhart. Sermon by Rev. John O. Reagle.

Saturday, 7.30 p. m.—Benevolent Work. Rev. Simon S. Miller, presiding. First address, "The Ministerial Relief Society, its Aims and Claims," Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.; second address, "The Orphan Cause," Rev. Daniel H. Leader.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m. — Sunday-school. Addresses by Rev. Harry W. Wissler and Ben. K. Hay. Holy Communion at 11. a. m. Altar service Revs. E. R. Deatrick and A. Thos. G. Apple. Sermon by Rev. John W. Pontius.

At 3.00 p. m., Union Sunday-school and young people's work meeting, Rev. E. L. McLean, presiding. First address, "Children and Church Going," Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D.; second address, "How to Care for the Youth of the Church," Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D.

At 6.00 p. m., Missionary meeting. Addresses by Revs. Chas. A. Waltman and James M. Mullan, B. D.

At 7.00 p. m., Foreign Missionary meeting, Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., presiding. Addresses by Rev. A. V. Casselman and Mrs. Mary B. Hoy.

In other churches:

Lutheran.—Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. C. W. Levan, 7.00 p. m.

Methodist.—Rev. F. W. Bald, at 11.00 a.m.; Rev. Jno. D. Hicks, at 7.00 p. m.

Presbyterian.—Rev. S. M. Roeder, at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. H. W. Wissler, at 7.00 p. m.

Baptist.—Rev. A. H. Smith, at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. B. K. Hay, at 7.00 p. m.

Tecumseh M. E.—Rev. J. K. McKee, at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. F. L. Kerr, at 7.00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. David Miller.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod (and of the special meetings) were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last annual and of the special meetings were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item. 1. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod. Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., is chairman.

Item 2, p. 16. Several items concerning Catawba College were referred to a special committee to report this year, of which Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., is chairman.

Item 3, p. 45. The Classes are instructed to hold, within the bounds of each charge or group of charges, meetings at which the education of women and the claims of our educational institutions shall be presented.

Item 4, p. 46. The several Classes are urged to pay their apportionment for Catawba College in full.

Item 5, p. 46. The Classes are requested to instruct pastors to preach special sermons emphasizing the claims of our Church upon our young men for the Christian ministry, etc.

Item 6, p. 46. The Classes are to instruct pastors to pay early in the year the amounts apportioned for beneficiary education.

Item 7, p. 47. Report of the Committee on the Endowment of the Woman's College. Rev. M. O. Noll, chairman.

Item 8, p. 48. Report of the Committee to appoint an agent to raise the $14,388.33 still due on Synod's endowment for Catawba College and the $5,000 for the Science Building, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., chairman.

Item 9. Vacancies on Synod's Boards.

It will be necessary to elect to the various Boards of Synod, to fill the place of those whose term of office expires, or to fill vacancies, as follows:

Page 30. Trustees of Catawba College—six members.
49. Board of Education—three members for three years, one member for one year.
50. Regents of Mercersburg College—three members for three years.
50. Directors of Woman's College—one member for five years.
50. Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary—two members for four years.
50. Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary—two members for six years.
50. Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College—one member for three years.
73. Board of Home Missions — two members for four years, and one member for one year.
78. Board of Trustees of Synod—one member for five years, one member for three years.
81. Sunday-school Board—one member for five years.
92. Managers of Deaconess' Home—one minister for four years, and one elder for three years.

Item 10, p. 71. The Classes are urged to a prayerful and

earnest support of the work of Home and Foreign Missions, and to raise the apportionments in full.

Item 11, p. 72. The "six cents per member" plan of the Board for Church Building was recommended to the Classes.

Item 12, p. 76. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian, and Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Theological Seminary, Contingent, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College, and Interest on $5,000 loan.

Item 13, p. 75-76. Certain Classes are in arrears for Contingent, and their attention is called to their arrearages.

Item 14, p. 80. The Classes are urged to exercise a more careful oversight of their Sunday-schools.

Item 15, p.80. The Classes are to endeavor to secure full, complete and correct statistics.

Item 16, p. 81. The ratio of representation of the Classes constituting this Synod is changed, and it is sent down to the Classes for acceptance or rejection.

Item 17, p.85. The Classes were urged to ascertain at their annual meetings the number of subscribers to the "Messenger" in each charge, and what is being done to increase its circulation.

Item 18, p. 85. The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Sessions of 1903 authenticated, printed and distributed to those entitled to receive them.

Item 19, p. 86. Bethany Orphans' Home was commended to the earnest prayer and more liberal support of the Classes.

Item 20. Special Meeting: Report of the officers of Synod concerning the issuance of the call to Professor-elect Schaeffer, securing house for him, and arrangements for his installation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 7, 8, 20, see Article XIII, Education; on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, see Article XX, Minutes of Classis for their action on the several items; item 9 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; on item 18, see Article XX, Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report that the following items were referred to it:

Item 1. A communication from Mrs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart expressing her appreciation for the resolutions of sympathy passed by Synod.

Item 2. Report of Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 3. Report of Board of Directors of Butler Orphans' Home.

Item 4. Catalogue of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 5. Overture from Eastern Synod asking this Synod to join it in an improved method for aiding young men in preparing for the holy ministry.

Item 6. A communication from the Eastern Synod approving of the election of Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 7. A similar communication from Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 8. Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer's acceptance of his election to the above-named position.

Item 9. A communication from Dr. J. C. Bowman acknowledging receipt of resolutions adopted at the special meeting of Synod.

Item 10. A communication from Eastern Synod announcing election of Rev. Christopher Noss to the chair of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 11. A communication from Pittsburgh Synod asking the co-operation of Potomac and the Eastern Synods in the publication of the three inaugural services.

Item 12. A communication from the President of Catawba College asking Synod's endorsement of the proposition to raise $100,000 endowment.

Item 13. A communication from the ministers and consis-

tories of several charges of Zion's Classis calling attention of Synod to the course of Zion's Classis on certain important matters sent down by Synod.

Item 14. Invitation from Church of the Incarnation, Newport, Pa., to Synod to hold its next annual sessions in that church.

Item 15. Similar invitation from Trinity congregation, York, Pa.

Item 16. The annual report of the Treasurer of Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

P. A. DeLong, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 6, 7, were adopted; on items 2, 3, 4, 13, 16, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; 8, 9 were adopted and ordered engrossed; (see pp. 66-67); on items 5, 11, 12, see Article XIII., Education; item 10, Synod ratified the election by rising in a unanimous vote; items 14, 15 were laid upon the table. Subsequently they were taken up, and the invitation from the Church of the Ascension of Newport was accepted, Synod deciding to meet there on Wednesday, October 18th, A. D. 1905, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Irregularities.

Item 1. Stated Clerks of Classes are requested to send an abstract of their minutes relative to matters coming before Synod. All the Classes have complied with this requirement except North Carolina and Mercersburg; but we find the abstract of Zion's Classis for the most part incomplete relative to matters claiming the attention of Synod.

2. Matters Referred by Synod.

Item 2. Classes are requested to hold meetings in the interest of Education. All the Classes report having complied with this request.

Item 3. Classes are urged to pay the apportionment to Catawba College in full. The Classes all took favorable action on this item except the Classis of Zion.

Item 4. Classes are requested to instruct pastors to preach special sermons emphasizing the claims of our Church on young men for the gospel ministry. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 5. Classes are urged to instruct pastors to pay early in the year their apportionment for Beneficiary Education. All the Classes took favorable action except the Classis of Zion, which rejected the apportionment for Beneficiary Education.

Item 6. Classes are urged to prayerful and earnest support of the work of Home and Foreign Missions, and to raise their apportionment in full. The Classis of Zion rejected the entire apportionment for Home Missions. Virginia Classis accepts only $300 of the $700 sent down. All the other Classes report having adopted this item and accepted the full apportionment.

Item 7. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home and Foreign Missions, Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Theological Seminary, Contingent, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College and interest on $5,000. North Carolina Classis does not accept apportionment for Hungarian or Bohemian Missions, or work among Germans. The Classis of Zion does not accept apportionment for Beneficiary Education or Catawba College. Virginia Classis does not accept apportionment to Catawba College.

Item 8. The ratio of representation of the Classes constituting this Synod is changed, and is sent down to Classes for acceptance or rejection. All the Classes adopted the recommendation of Synod except Gettysburg, which took no action.

Item 9. Classes are urged to ascertain at their annual meetings the number of subscriptions to the "Messenger" in each charge, and what is being done to increase its circulation. All the Classes report favorable action.

3. On Matters Referred to Synod by Classes.

Item 10. Juniata Classis overtures Synod in reference to beneficiary students (see Page 18 of Minutes of Juniata Classis), as follows: "That we respectfully overture Potomac Synod to devise such methods that the assistance given to beneficiary students shall be commuted after ten years of active service in the ministry, so long as they remain in the ministry of the Reformed Church."

Item 11. Maryland Classis overtures the Synod to instruct its Treasurer to open accounts with the several Classes for the apportionment of the Catawba College interests.

4. Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

Item 12. The Classis of Zion received Licentiate Arthur C. Ohl from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him; Rev. Robert L. Bair from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Peter E. Heimer from St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio, and dismissed him to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 13. Maryland Classis, licensed Albert J. Collison, May 16, 1904; ordained Licentiate Aaron M. Gluck, November 1st, 1903; received Licentiate Fred. A. Cook from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; ordained Licentiate Fred. A. Cook, August 7, 1904; received Licentiate J. J. Schaeffer from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod; ordained J. J. Schaeffer, September 11, 1904; dismissed Rev. Alex. D. Bateman, Ph. D., to the Lehigh Presbytery, Licentiate Albert J. Collison to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. Geo. A. Snyder to Classis of North Carolina; Rev. H. J. Macallister to Carlisle Classis; Rev. Will S. Fisher to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 14. Mercersburg Classis received Licentiate Clayton H. Ranck from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the gospel ministry, February 21, 1904; Rev. John O. Reagle from Philadelphia Classis Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. Christian Gumbert to Juniata Classis; received Rev. Edgar R. Appenzellar from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Elias F. Faust from Juniata Classis.

Item 15. Virginia Classis ordained Licentiate Ben. K. Hay; received Rev. J. M. Souder from the Classis of Lancaster,

Eastern Synod; Licentiate Julius Balogh, from the Reformed Church in Hungary, District of Tinzantuli, Aaron Kiss, Bishop; dismissed Revs. H. W. Wissler to the Carlisle Classis, and J. Silor Garrison to the Classis of Alleghany, Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 16. North Carolina Classis received Rev. Chas. E. Wehler from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Geo. A. Snyder from Maryland Classis.

Item 17. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. E. William Stonebraker from Juniata Classis; dismissed Rev. Fred'k C. Seitz to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 18. Carlisle Classis received Rev. Harry W. Wissler from Virginia Classis; Rev. Monroe M. Noacker from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. H. J. Macallister from Maryland Classis; Rev. F. A. Rupley from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; licensed Harry W. Kochenderfer, and dismissed him to Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. Earnest E. Weaver to West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 19. Juniata Classis received Rev. A. T. G. Apple from East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. W. J. Johnston from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Christian Gumbert from Mercersburg Classis; Rev. C. F. Althouse from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. S. U. Waugaman to Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. J. F. Moyer to Reading Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. W. H. Landis to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; ordained Licentiates Elias F. Faust and Chas. W. Warlick.

5. Time and Place of Next Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 20. Classis of Zion will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Hellam, Pa., Monday, May 8, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. J. Stauffer, President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk; Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, Treasurer.

Item 21. Maryland Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Frederick, Md., Wednesday, May 3d, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. S. M. Roeder, President; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer.

Item 22. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Mercersburg, Pa., May 9th, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. I. N. Peightel, President; Rev. W. C. Cramer D. D.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 23. Virginia Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Harrisville, Va., May 31st, 1905, at 8 p. m. Rev. T. K. Cromer, President; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 24. North Carolina Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., May 3d, 1905, at 8 p. m. Rev. J. C. Clapp, President; Rev. J. C. Leonard, B. D., Stated Clerk; Elder M. J. Rowe, Treasurer.

Item 25. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at McKnightstown, Adams County, Pa., May 5th, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. N. W. Sechler, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 26. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., May 31st, 1905, 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. Thomas Fox, President; Rev. William H. Groh, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 27. Juniata Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Martinsburg, Pa., June 1st, 1905 at 7.45 p. m. Rev. P. A. DeLong, President; Rev. J. David Miller, Stated Clerk; Rev. Louis Robb, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Bruce Lyttle.

Items 2, 4, 9, were adopted and reiterated; item 1, the attention of the Stated Clerks of the Classes delinquent was called to this action; item 3, Zion's Classis was urgently enjoined to pay the apportionment of last year and this; item 5, the action was reiterated, and the Synod enjoins upon Zion's Classis to accept this apportionment, and co-operate with Synod in this work; items 6, 7, Synod enjoins upon the several Classes to accept all the apportionments sent down to them; item 10 was referred to the Board of Education; item 11, see Article XV., Finance; item 8, see Article XIX., Church Government; the remaining items were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would report that no applications for examination, licensure or ordination were made. J. S. KIEFFER.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

TO THE REVEREND POTOMAC SYNOD:

Fathers and Brethren: The reports of the several Classes of the Synod on the State of Religion and Statistics have been placed in our hands, and we have carefully examined the same.

We find, in the first place, that the services of God's house have been maintained, the Gospel has been faithfully preached, and the Sacraments regularly administered. The children and youth of the Church have been instructed in the fundamental doctrines and duties of our holy religion as set forth in the Heidelburg Catechism. The duty of family visitation has been faithfully attended to by pastors and elders. The Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies have received due consideration and attention.

We regret to notice that, while the foregoing describes the general condition of affairs throughout the Synod, there are exceptions to these statements. For example, there is an increasing number of vacant charges, and the length of these vacancies in some instances has been so extended as to work great injury to the charges themselves, as well as to the general work of the Church. We do not have enough ministers to supply the demands. The fields are white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. There has been an increase of but one minister in the Synod, while the number of charges and congregations has increased by at least a half dozen.

In the charges that have had regular pastors during the year, the reports indicate, with a few exceptions, a steady and healthy growth. Churches have been built, remodeled and beautified. Pastors and their families have been made more

comfortable by the building and remodeling of parsonages. Pastors' salaries have also been increased. Faith Mission, Baltimore, and Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C., two missions within our borders, have become self-supporting. All these things, and many others that appear in the minutes of the Classes, speak well for the faithfulness of our pastors and the loyalty and devotion of our people.

The benevolent operations of the several Classes indicate a steady growth along this line of Christian service, as contrasted with former years. And yet, when measured by the degree in which apportionments have been met, we have fallen far short of what we can, and in all good conscience ought, to have done. Certainly, if Juniata Classis can pay all its apportionments and hundreds of dollars besides, other Classes ought at least be able to meet the apportionment which should be regarded as the minimum benevolent obligation. There is nothing that so well describes the state of religion within a given charge or congregation as its benevolent and charitable work.

The statistics bear testimony to growth in every direction. The number of our ministers has increased by one, and the number of congregations and charges by a half dozen or more. Beautiful churches have been dedicated and paid. There is a large increase in the amount of money raised for congregational purposes. Our benevolence has more than doubled itself as contrasted with last year.

While in the main the reports speak of the good and joyful things and experiences, there is, at the same time, also a note of sadness and sorrow, which tells of faithful servants of the Church who have fallen under the power of disease and death. Some of the brethren, who were wont to be with us in these annual meetings of Synod, are with us no more—notably our Treasurer, our beloved father and brother, Mr. George N. Forney; Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and Elder Goldsborough Griffith. Dr. Callender's long service in the ministry and his efficient labors in the work assigned him in his later days are widely known and gratefully acknowledged. Elder Griffith, in his long experience, exemplified in his life the highest type of humanity. He was a member of this Synod

from the day of its organization, and attended its every meeting, save perhaps one. Their examples are ever before us as a model and a stimulus. We would also note the demise of Jacob Heyser, for many years an Elder of the church, who took an interest in all of her institutions, and who was one of the leading spirits in the movement which resulted in the organization of this Synod, thirty-three years ago. By Elder Heyser's influence the minds and character of many young men were molded for usefulness in the Church. But while our hearts are sad because of the departure of these faithful and beloved servants of the Church, yet we have joy in the fact that as they lived and died in the faith, so they rest in hope of the blessed resurrection.

And now to the Great Head of the Church, whose we are and whom we serve, be all the honor and glory, and may we be forgiven of him for all that we have failed to do or have done amiss.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Thursday the annual reports of the Board of Education; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.; of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph. D., D. D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, were received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The several reports were as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Board of Education would offer the following as its annual report:

The Board met July 20, 1904, in Zion's Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., at 2 p. m. All the members of the Board were present with the exception of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., and Rev. S. H. Stein. The work

of the Board was greatly hindered by quite a number of the Stated Clerks failing to send in the reports of their respective Classes as to requests for renewal of appropriations and as to new applicants. It is the hope of the Board that this duty will be complied with more promptly in the future.

The Board directs attention to the action of Synod last year, in which Synod instructs pastors to pay into the treasuries of the several Classes, early in the year, the amounts apportioned for beneficiary education.

The following new applicants were received, and the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars granted on the condition that they comply with the requirement of the Board by giving a bond properly executed, viz.: Ira S. Monn, of Mercersburg Classis; Irwin S. Ditsler, of Gettysburg Classis, and A. W. Barley, of Juniata Classis. Besides these, there were reported to us three students of Maryland Classis who do not ask any aid from the Board, viz.: H. L. G. Kieffer, Guy B. Bready and Elnathon L. Higbee.

Appropriations of one hundred and fifty dollars were renewed to Edward S. Lamar, Edward A. G. Herman, Geo. Missel, John H. Deatrich, Chalmers W. Walck, Linden H. Rice, John H. Ditzler, Dallas R. Krebs, Charles E. Myers and Milton Whitener. In all thirteen students receive aid from the Board during the year 1904-1905.

The Board requests an apportionment for the coming year of $2,500. An overture was received from the Maryland Classis asking the Board to consider the feasibility and cost of having Bonding Companies give the bonds required by students. This matter was referred to a special committee to report at the next meeting of the Board. A new form of bond was presented by the treasurer to the Board, which was adopted.

The next meeting of the Board will take place July 19, 1905, at 2 p. m., in St. John's Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa.

The following is the organization and membership of the Board: Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., President, 1904; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, 1906; Rev. J. David Miller, Treasurer, 1906; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., 1906; Rev. W. C. Cremer, D. D., 1905; Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., 1904; Rev. I. N. Peightel, 1905; Rev. P. A. DeLong, 1904; Rev. S. H. Stein, 1905.

The attention of the Synod is directed to the fact that the terms of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., and Rev. P. A. DeLong, expire and must be filled at this meeting. Also that the unexpired term of Rev. S. H. Stein, who has moved beyond the bounds of this Synod, must be filled at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL T. ROSSITER, D. D., *President,*
JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts for Beneficiary Education by Rev. J. David Miller, treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

Carlisle Classis	$140.00
Maryland Classis	390.68
Juniata Classis	140.00
Gettysburg	375.00
Mercersburg	232.79
Virginia	111.00
Loan	400.00
Rev. Chas. B. Rebert (refunded)	15.00
Balance in treasury last year	209.01
	$2,013.48

EXPENDITURES.

Ed. S. La Mar	$150.00
E. A. G. Herman	150.00
George Missel	150.00
John H. Deatrich	150.00
Vernon S. Rice	150.00
H. W. Kochenderfer	150.00
Chas. E. Myers	150.00
Dallas R. Krebs	150.00
Oliver S. Hartman	25.00
Linden H. Rice	150.00
Milton Whitener	125.00
First National Bank	350.00
John H. Ditzler	150.00
Discounts on loans	7.95
Postage	1.62
Balance	3.91
	$2,013.48

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

It is with great pleasure and sincere gratification that we announce that the school is enjoying a greater degree of prosperity and a larger measure of patronage than ever before.

The school opened this year with three hundred and eighteen students, a greater number than ever before has been on the roll at any one time.

The total number of boys enrolled during the last school year, ending June, 1904, was three hundred and sixty-nine. This number came from twenty-one different states and countries. The number graduated in June, 1904, was eighty-eight, of these sixty-six have entered colleges.

The course has been changed from a four years' course into a five years' course, and the scholarship requirements made more difficult.

We have finished the new dormitory at a cost of forty-one thousand ($41,000) dollars. This dormitory accommodates one hundred and twenty-two boys and instructors. The largest single subscription to this fund was that of Thomas N. McCarter, of Newark, N. J., who was a classmate of Dr. Irvine. His subscription was five thousand ($5,000) dollars. Other subscriptions from the same class brought this amount up to eight thousand ($8,000) dollars. The building is named "The Dormitory of '88."

During the last year we have purchased fifty acres of land adjoining the college grounds at a cost of six thousand eight hundred ($6,800) dollars.

A flag-stone walk has been laid along the entire length of the campus.

Pure water from far back in the mountains is supplied by the Mercersburg Water Company to every floor in the different school buildings.

The school has completed a system of sewage.

We have built and splendidly equipped a school infirmary at a cost of about fifteen hundred ($1,500) dollars.

Since Dr. Irvine's election as President of the school we have

spent in improvements about one hundred and forty thousand ($140,000) dollars. Fifty thousand ($50,000) dollars of this amount has been spent within the last eighteen months.

The receipts from tuition and board during the last year were $86,094.60; expenses for the year, $72,479.04; net earnings for the year, $13,615.56.

We help each year about sixty boys, giving them reduced rates in tuition and board, some of them because they are sons of ministers, or students for the ministry, and some of them because of the work they do about the place. The total amount of tuition and board given away during last year was about twelve thousand ($12,000) dollars.

The Library has been improved, and is now during certain hours of the day in charge of a certain librarian. It has been catalogued acoording to the subjects, and a boy can easily ascertain now what the library contains upon any subject.

The Faculty numbers twenty-one men. The school now has accommodations for two hundred and ninety boarders. We should have an additional cottage to accommodate twenty-five or thirty boys. This could be built at a cost of from six thousand ($6,000) dollars to eight thousand ($8,000) dollars.

We should have a laboratory building, a gymnasium, and a recitation building. At present our recitation rooms are too crowded to produce the best work.

Since the beginning of the present administration, as you know, the school has been conducted entirely as an academy. Since that time boys of this school have entered fifty-six different colleges, universities and higher schools of learning. Last year, boys from this school were in forty different colleges in this country.

It will be the duty of this Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents. The terms of Mr. A. R. Schnebley, Dr. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. C. A. Santee expire. Dr. Schaeffer was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Diffenbacher.

We beseech for this school the continued favor of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Rush Gillan, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., herewith presents its twelfth annual report.

At its meeting in April last the Board was organized by the re-election of the officers of the preceding year, namely: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Secretary, and Adrian C. McCardell, Treasurer.

We have pleasure in reporting that the year ending June 8th last was among the most successful in our history. The total enrollment of students was 179, of which number 76 were boarders.

At the Commencement four were graduated in the Literary Department, two in Piano, three in Elocution and two in Art.

The total receipts for the year were $24,589.18; expenditures, $21,168.20; receipts over expenses $3,420.98.

The assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., on July, 1904, were $7,243.62.

All rentals of Buildings have been paid.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and of the Treasurer of the current expenses have been examined and found correct.

The Endowment Fund invested is $24,580.43; Library Fund, $100; total of fund $24,680.43.

Early last spring the lot next adjoining West College Hall, improved by a double three-story dwelling, 31 feet 7 inches by 133 feet, came into the market, and was purchased by your Board for $5,650, and is now held as part of our endowment. It was a good business investment, protects us against undesirable neighbors, and provides a residence for the President of the College, between the several properties now under rent for College purposes.

The family of President Apple was transferred to one of these dwellings last March.

At our request and in accordance with our plans, the Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary, from whom we rent the buildings, made changes in West Hall so as to utilize waste space, whereby eight additional rooms were secured, while the laboratories and the halls on both the second and third floors

have been greatly benefited by the change. We assumed the interest on the expense incurred as additional rent.

The College buildings have been renovated, and as now improved, will admit of no further expansion, but were never before in as good condition.

The College re-opened on September 15th, with an encouraging outlook for the year. The enrollment of students is about as in former years, while the number taking up regular work is larger than usual.

The Faculty is practically continuous, as but two changes are made out of a force of twenty-four teachers and officers.

The Kimball pipe organ installed last year meets a felt want and is giving entire satisfaction.

We have steadily expanded the institution, as well as increased its efficiency, so that a diploma is of greater value than in the past. This has been done at an increased cost to us, so that we cannot compete as to rates with the cheap Colleges of the day.

A College is to be judged by what it does for its students. Its work must be measured by the services its graduates render to society and the Church. They are its credentials. We have passed the experimental stage, and accept the test by referring you to our graduates.

Woman is entitled to as good an education as man, but it must not therefore of necessity be the same education. There is no identity of function. A Boys' College does not furnish a standard for a Woman's College. Only he who thinks that there is no difference in the functions of the two sexes in society and in their service to the world can believe that there ought to be no difference in their education. The destiny of woman lies along the line of noblest service. The greatest career is that which has most to do with counselling, inspiring and moulding men, and in that sphere the mother is supreme, and the true education of woman will recognize that supremest of all destinies.

There has been but little addition to the College endowment for some years. Has not the time come for Synod to redeem its pledge for the further endowment of $20,000 of which amount less than $5,000 has come into our Treasury? This question seriously confronts us now, because a generous friend

offers to add one dollar for every two that is contributed by the church for this purpose. In order that the church may benefit by this proposition, it is imperative that prompt and decisive measures be inaugurated, such as will result in securing money. Inaction on the part of Synod may be construed into indifference, and for such reason, the proposition may be at any time withdrawn.

Our income does not warrant us in meeting the growing demands of the Institution. Is it right that a few persons should continue to make material sacrifices to carry forward this work of the Church? Why should we not have your hearty sympathy and active co-operation? Why should not the members of the Church patronize their own Institutions in the education of their daughters? It is the Synod's Institution we represent, and we can do better for you in results that will gladden your home and bless the church, than any other institution can do. The same advantages and practical results cannot be secured anywhere for less money. Materially increase our endowment and we will be able to do still better for your daughters.

The results in religious work cannot be forced beyond the limits which home culture fixes. In the last analysis, it will always be found true, that our wives and mothers regulate the home, shape our destiny and mould the coming generation, hence it follows that the true education of woman lies at the foundation of our happiness and greatness as a church and a people.

The time of service of John Gassman will expire with December, 1904, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of the Board of Directors.

Frederick, Md., October 25, 1904.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

The Board of Trustees of Catawba College hereby makes the following report:

The reorganization which has taken place in the College since the last meeting of your reverend body makes it difficult

to write a report which will convey to this Synod the true condition of the school. The enrollment of students during the scholastic year 1903-1904 was most encouraging. The following is the number: Primary Department, 29; Academic Department, 111; Collegiate Department, 52; Business Department, 30; Music Department, 22, making a total of 244. It is probable that the students in the Business and Music departments are numbered in the other departments also; if this be true, then still there would be an attendance of 192.

The school experienced some difficulty in securing teachers, or rather a difficulty in holding those that had been secured. Prof. W. W. Chandler, teacher in English, resigned to accept a position in Ursinus College, Pennsylvania. Rev. H. L. Beam, of Dakota, Illinois, was elected to fill the chair made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Chandler, but failed to come, and the work was done part of the year by Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., and the remaining part by Prof. B. W. Allen. A few months before the Commencement in May, 1904, the Trustees were called upon to accept the resignation of the Music teacher, Miss Irma Whitmore. Mrs. B. J. Carpenter, of Newton, North Carolina, was employed to fill out the unexpired term of Miss Whitmore. The Faculty, as it was at the end of the school year, on May 19, 1904, is as follows: Charles H. Mebane, W. R. Weaver, J. B. Leonard, B. J. Allen, Mrs. D. J. Carpenter, Miss Bertha Herman, Miss Rosa Rowe and Mrs. Belle Cecil Matron.

The election of a permanant President has been a question with which the Trustees have been confronted annually for several years. At the annual meeting held in May, 1903, action was taken setting a certain day at the annual meeting in 1904, when a President should be elected. This was thought by some to be putting this important matter off too long, and at a special meeting of the Board called to meet in Newton, North Carolina, in October, 1903, it was decided to make an election for the Presidency subject to the ratification of the Trustees at the next annual meeting.

Acting President Charles H. Mebane having signified his intention to retire from the school after the year closing May, 1904, the Trustees began to cast around for a suitable person. At a special meeting held in Newton on December 9, 1903,

the Rev. George Albert Snyder, A. M., of Hagerstown, Md., was selected to fill that position. This election was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Trustees in annual session, on May 17, 1904. Rev. Mr. Snyder was present and formally accepted the position.

President Snyder was unable to move to Newton before August 16, 1904, but was enabled to open the school on the 6th of September. There were 87 pupils enrolled at the opening. The enrollment at present is 120. Of this number 69 are boys and 51 are girls; 55 are boarding students. There are 8 members of the Senior class; 1 Junior; 2 Sophomores; 5 Freshmen; 72 in the Academic Department, and 19 Music pupils.

The Faculty is as follows: Rev. George Albert Snyder, A. M. (Heidelberg). President, Professor of Mental and Moral Science, Christian Evidences and Aesthetics.

Walter G. Slappy, A. B. (Emory College), Professor of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

William Robert Weaver, A. B. (Franklin and Marshall), Professor of Greek, German and History.

Rev. J. Silor Garrison, A. B. (Catawba College), Professor of English Language and Literature.

Jesse B. Leonard, A. B. (Catawba College), Professor of Latin and English Branches.

Lee A. Peeler, Penmanship.

Miss M. Rosalie Rowe (State Normal), Book-keeping and Stenography.

Miss Hattie Garvin (State Normal), Primary Department.

Miss Bessie Hargett (Woman's College), Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Rev. C. B. Heller, A. M. (Franklin and Marshall), is supplying the President's place in his absence.

President Snyder was formally inaugurated into his office on the 30th of September.

The Trustees appointed Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., an agent to canvass the Classis of North Carolina with a view of raising $5,000 for building purposes. At the annual meeting in May, Dr. Trexler reported part of the Classis canvassed, and the amount secured $3,578.40. Three hundred of this amount is for endowment, and can not be applied to building purposes.

A gift of $15,000 from a friend was made the College during the year. This gift is for the purpose of establishing a Theological Department in connection with the school. This donation is in the shape of certificates of paid-up stock in the Calvert Building and Loan Association of Baltimore, Maryland. Provision is made that until this department shall have been established the interest accruing from this $15,000 shall be used within the bounds of the Classis of North Carolina to assist in the mission work.

A house and lot just north of the College has been purchased for the sum of $1,200. The house has been moved and joined to the matron's hall, to be used for rooms for the boarding pupils, and upon the ground a house for the President of the school will be erected. Plans for this house have been adopted. Two new pianos have been purchased, and some improvements have been made on the grounds and buildings.

The following facts from the report of the Finance Committee, made May 19, 1904, is submitted as information:

General Endowment Fund	$7,500.00
Alumni Endowment Fund (available)	3,000.00
Endowment received from canvass of Rev. G. A. Snyder	1,650.00
Endowment for Theological Department	15,000.00
Building Fund	2,718.00

LIABILITIES.

Due teachers	$793.00
Due Roller Fund	500.00
Due N. I. Rowe	350.00
Union Cotton Mills	600.00
Shuford Bank	350.00
Building Fund	1,884.00
Sundry accounts	94.00
Total	$4,572.00

We submit the Treasurer's report for the year May 19, 1903, to May 19, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

From annual concert	$56.90
Collection for band	16.80
From Potomac Synod	673.43
Interest on Endowment Funds	729.93

Tuition collected by Attorney McCorkle	125.43
Old accounts Fall Term '93, '03	837.22
Tuition Fall Term '03	1,021.38
Tuition Spring Term '04	622.42
Boarding Club	741.93
Other sources	12.64
Total	$4,838.08
Due treasurer 9 (overpaid)	116.61
Grand total	$4,954.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance (due treasurer) last report	$303.35
Expenses of band	39.40
Balance on purchase of land	59.67
Interest	133.85
Postage and stationery	25.50
Repairs	166 35
Advertising	29.50
Wood	61.00
Taxes on Pennsylvania land	35.65
Expenses of boarding hall	446.17
Paid salary	3,297.88
Shuford Hardware Co.	87.83
Furniture	57.65
Incidental expenses	210.49
Total	$4,954.69

The term of office of the following Trustees expires May, 1905, and it is the duty of this Synod to name their successors: Rev. Paul Barringer, Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.; Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D.; A. A. Shuford; S. T. Wilfong; and George McCorkle.

This report does not fully convey the working of the school. A number of changes in method of work and the routine of the college life and discipline which look toward improve- in the work of the school have been introduced. The Trustees are grateful to the Synod for the fostering care exercised over the Reformed school of the South and commend again this school to the prayers and sympathy of our brethren North.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,

President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States submits to your reverend body its report for the year 1903-1904:

1. The Board met in Lancaster, May 3-5, 1904, and organized by electing the following officers: President, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.; secretary, Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D. Prior to its annual meeting, the Board met on March 22, 1904. The causes which led to this special session, and which were followed by three vacancies in the Seminary faculty, have been fully set forth in the report made to the synods which met in June, 1904.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1904, it was found that two of the vacancies in the faculty had been filled, viz., the chair of New Testament Exegesis and the chair of Practical Theology. No immediate provision had been made for the department of Systematic Theology, except that to it Professors Gast and Richards each had kindly offered to give one hour per week. Realizing the necessity of making larger provision for this department, the Board effected the arrangement specified under Item 2 of this report. We are pleased to say that the Theological Seminary is well equipped for thorough work and that a kind Providence has dispelled the clouds which overshadowed the institution at the close of the Seminary year.

2. After consultation with the faculty and with the president and treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors requested Rev. John G. Noss to assist in the department of Systematic Theology until that chair is filled. He has responded favorably to our request, and is now engaged in teaching three hours per week, as follows: Senior Class, Constitution of the Church; Middle Class, Dogmatics; Junior Class, Catechism.

3. The Seminary year began September 10, 1903, when the following persons were admitted to the Junior Class: J. Frank Bucher, Guy P. Bready, William M. Diefenderfer, Robert S. Edris, George K. Ely, J. Albert Eyler, John F. Frantz, Roy J. Freeman, Edward A. G. Herman, L. Valmore Hetrick, David B. Kline, Thomas M. Kressly, Elmer G. Leinbach, Fred-

erick M. Richards, J. Arthur Schaeffer, Morris G. Schucker, Elam J. Snyder, J. Monroe Shellenberger, Chalmers W. Walck, Milton Whitener, L. Nevin Wilson—total 21.

4. The members of the Junior Class, reported as such in May, 1903, were advanced, and constituted the Middle Class from September, 1903, to May, 1904. To this there is one exception: John F. Bucheit suspended his seminary studies during the year to serve as an instructor in the Franklin and Marshall Academy. Middlers, 11.

5. The Senior Class pursued the full course of study prescribed by the Board, passed a satisfactory examination, and on their graduation, May 5, 1904, received the testimonial of approval. They are: James N. Blatt, John Barner Bloom, David B. Clark, Albert J. Collison, Frederick A. Cook, H. Jerome Leinbach, George Wellington Lutz, Jesse M. Mengel, James J. Schaeffer, Irwin O. Schell, George W. Spotts. It is worthy of note that all the members of this class but three can officiate in German and English. Total 11.

6. The conduct, character, proficiency and practical activity of the student-body were satisfactory. The Church may look forward to efficient spiritual services which the graduated class and the classes following will render.

7. During the summer of 1903, John Quincy Adams, professor of Oratory, resigned. Professor John Milton Chambers was elected to the vacancy, and has served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the Seminary and College. Arrangements have been made with the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to retain the services of Professor Chambers, and the synods are hereby respectfully asked to provide our share of the expense, viz., $750, in the following proportions: Eastern Synod, $375; Pittsburgh Synod, $125; Synod of the Potomac, $250.

8. At the request of Rev. F. A. Gast, D. D., the Board appointed Mr. Irwin Hoch DeLong assistant instructor in the Old Testament Department. It authorized and requested Professor Gast to arrange with Mr. DeLong to enter upon his work September, 1905. We hereby submit the reasons for the above action, together with the request for synodical aid needed to make it effective: After a continuous service of almost thirty-three years in the Theological Seminary, Dr.

Gast feels the necessity of reducing the amount of his work. Twelve hours a week are too heavy for one at the age of nearly threescore years and ten. Dr. Gast proposes to apply one-half of his salary to the support of the assistant, this amount to be supplemented by $250 to be paid by the Synod, making the salary of the assistant $1,000. The action is proposed one year in advance of the time the assistant is expected to enter upon his duties, in order to secure the services of one admirably qualified in all respects for the work. Mr. DeLong is a graduate of the Seminary, is now prosecuting his studies, and is engaged in original work in Europe, and is well known among Semitic scholars. The Eastern Synod is respectfully asked to appropriate $250 towards the support of Mr. Irwin Hoch DeLong as assistant instructor in the Old Testament Department.

9. The Board has appointed a Committee on Endowment, to aid similar committees of the Board of Trustees and of the synods when its services are needed. The members of the committee are Rev. B. B. Ferer, D. D., Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., and Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.

10. The term of the following members expires December, 1904: Eastern Synod—Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., Rev. James Crawford, D. D., and Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D. Synod of the Potomac—Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D. Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Harrisburg, Pa., October 11, 1904.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: Enclosed find the abstract of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held May 5th, 1904, when the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-president, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The second meeting was held October 18th, 1904.

The committee appointed to co-operate with similar com-

mittees to be appointed by the Board of Visitors and the three Synods, relative to the increased endowment of the Theological Seminary, are as follows: John W. Appel, Esq., John D. Skiles, John B. Roth, Jacob H. Shriver and William R. Barnhart.

The announcement of the death of Mr. George N. Forney, of Hanover, Pa., at the age of 73 years, was received by the present members of the Board of Trustees with feelings of profound sorrow, whereupon the following tribute to his memory was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

Mr. Forney was elected to membership on the Board by the Synod of the Potomac, in the year 1890. In 1893 he was honored by unanimous election to the Presidency of the Board, which position he held for a period of eight years, until the time of his retirement in May, 1901. By his superior business talents and his attractive personal qualities, he soon won the respect, confidence and love of his fellow-members. Punctually and faithfully he met every requirement of his office. He presided with dignity and grace, and with a devotion akin to enthusiasm, exhibited intense interest in the welfare of the Seminary. For five years he served in the Building Committee as one of its most active and efficient members.

The Board is gratified to learn that Mr. Forney's love for and devotion to the Theological Seminary will be perpetuated through its future history by a generous legacy, devised by his last will and testament. With gratefulness it makes record of his beneficence.

While with the bereaved wife, daughter and many friends the members of the Board mourn his departure, they cherish the memory of their former colleague, not only as one faithful in the highest degree to his official trust, but as one whose genial disposition, urbane spirit and courteous manner entitled him to high rank as a Christian gentleman.

In response to a communication to the faculty, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to appoint a Seminary Day, which is to be observed annually in all the congregations, on which day the interests of the Seminary shall be presented to the people by the pastors, urging the importance of the consecration of suitable young men to the ministry,

and pointing out the needs of the Seminary in general. (The day suggested by the faculty was the first Sunday in November.)

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to appoint a committee on Current Expenses and the Endowment Fund (if not already appointed), to co-operate with similar committees of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty.

The Board appointed a committee to secure the lot between the Seminary grounds and Prof. Bowman's residence.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to provide $3,000 for current expenses in the following ratio: Eastern Synod, $1,500; Potomac Synod, $1,000; Pittsburgh Synod, $500.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

The terms of office of the following members expire December, 1904: Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Maryland; E. A. Shullenberger, D. D. S., Carlisle, Pa.

Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1904.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of Endowment Fund, Seminary, General..	$96,131.29
	Amount of Endowment Fund, Special, J. Riegel...	15,680.00
	Amount of Endowment Fund, Special, W. A. Wilt.	833.33
		$112,644.62

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF TREASURER.

1904.			
		DR.	
Oct. 1.	For sundry interests and incomes received from Oct. 1, 1903 to Oct. 1, 1904.....		$8,035.80
		CR.	
	By salary accounts and sundry bills paid per vouchers from Oct. 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1904.....	8,540.49	
	By balance due Endowment Fund Oct. 1, 1903.....	7,646.28	
			$16,186.77
	Amount Dr. brought down Oct. 1, 1904..		8,035.80
			$8,150.97

SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1904.				
Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund		$1,819.96
		Dr.		
		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1903...	$12.28	
		Interests received from Oct. 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1904.....	100.30	
				$112.58
		Cr.		
		By sundry bills for books bought and paid per vouchers.....	$159.05	
		By amount Dr. brought down.....	112.58	
		Balance due Library Fund Oct. 1, 1904...	$46.47	

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT.

1904.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		$5,000.00
		Dr.		
		Interest October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904.	$250.00	
		Cr.		
		By interest paid John Hertzler, treasurer Board Beneficiary Education.....	250.00	

WILLIAM A. WILT FUND ACCOUNT.

1904.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		$833.33
		Dr.		
		Interest to October 1, 1904, and accounted for in current expenses of the Theological Seminary.....	$41.66	

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1904.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		$2,000.75
1903.		Dr.		
May	11.	Balance due Fund to May 8, 1903	$10.11	
1904.				
Apr.	12.	Interest to May 8, 1904.....	94.20	
				$104.31
1904.		Cr.		
May	2.	By amount paid prize per award of Committee.....	$100.00	
		Expressage and so forth.....	1.00	
				101.00
		Balance due Fund May 8, 1904.....	$3.31	

SEMINARY CLASS 1892 PRIZE FUND.

1904.				
May	8.	Amount of Fund		$483.03
		Dr.		
		For interest to May 8, 1904	$24.15	
1904.		Cr.		
May.		By prize paid per award of Committee	$20.00	
		By express charges	.50	
			$20.50	
		Balance due added to principal	$3 65	3.65
				$486.68

JACOB Y. DIETZ PRIZE FUND.

April	1.	Amount of Fund		$2,000.00
		Dr.		
		For interest on same to April 1, 1904	$100.00	
1904.		Cr.		
May	2.	Prize paid per award of Committee	100.00	

JOHN L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

1904.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund	$15,680.00
		All interest on this Fund is accounted for in the treasurer's account of current expenses of the Theological Seminary to October 1, 1904.	

JACOB FORNEY LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1904.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		1,000.00
1904.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	For balance due Fund October 1, 1903	$42.85	
Sept.	14.	Interest to October 1, 1904	45.00	
			$87.85	
1903.		Cr.		
Oct.	7.	Bills paid per voucher	$8.00	
1904.				
Feb.	25.	Bills paid per voucher	8.00	
Mar.	19.	Bills paid per voucher	10.33	
Sept.	9.	Bills paid per voucher	2.25	
		Bills paid per voucher	8.00	
			$36.58	
		Balance due Fund October 1, 1904	$51.27	

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHERINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

Amount of Fund..... $1,000.00

DR.

	Amount balance due Fund.....	$139.78	
1904.			
Sept. 14.	Interest to October 1, 1904....	45.00	
			$184.78
1904.	CR.		
Mar. 19.	By bill paid per voucher.....	$50.09	
May 13.	By bill paid per voucher.....	5.01	
Sept. 26.	By bill paid per voucher.....	50.00	
			$105.10
	Balance due Fund October 1, 1904.....		$79.68

HENRY WIRT LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1903. Amount of Fund..... $1,000.00

DR.

Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund October, 1903..	$70.44	
1904.			
Sept. 14.	Interest to October 1, 1904.....	45.00	
			$115.44
1904.	CR.		
Mar. 19.	By bill paid per voucher.....	$6.25	
Sept. 26.	By bill paid per voucher.....	50.00	
			$56.25
	Balance due Fund, Oct. 1, 1904.....		$59.19

SEMINARY CLASS 1894 LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1894.			
July 1.	Amount of notes placed in hands of treasurer for collection.....		$981.00
1904.	DR.		
Sept. 29.	Amount of notes paid to date.....	$523.00	
	Unpaid notes in treasurer's hands.....	458.00	
			$981.00
1904.			
Oct. 1.	Interest in hands of treasurer, as credit on funds to September 29, 1904.....	$104.59	

JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

Amount of Fund..... $4,000.00

DR.

For interest on same to April 1, 1904.... $200.00

1904.	Cr.		
Sept. 26.	By bill paid per voucher	100.00	
	Balance due Fund October 1, 1904	$100.00	

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1903.	Dr.		
Oct. 15.	Received from Geo. N. Forney, treasurer Potomac Synod	$154.07	
Oct. 16.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod	118.85	
Oct. 22.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod	25.25	
Oct. 23.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod	67.00	
1904.			
Mar. 10.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod	117.00	
	Received from A. J. Heller, D. D., treasurer Pittsburgh Synod	200.00	
Mar. 29.	Received from A. J. Heller, D. D., treasurer Pittsburgh Synod	200.00	
Apr. 20.	Received from A. J. Heller, D. D., treasurer Pittsburgh Synod	125.00	
May 3.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod	178.93	
May 10.	Received from M. J. Rowe, treasurer North Carolina Classis	25.00	
June 4.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod	434.24	
Sept. 9.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod	37.00	
Sept. 26.	Received from C. M. Wolf, treasurer Potomac Synod	300.00	
			$1,982.34

1904.	Cr.		
Sept. 26.	By amount paid interest to October 1, 1904, on balance due Endowment Fund October 1, 1903, Evans Ground Account, James Street Ground Account, and Janitor's House Account	$528.77	
Sept. 30.	Balance Seminary Aid Fund charged to treasurers as income	1,453.57	
			$1,982.34

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER OCTOBER 1, 1904.

Endowment Funds, General and Special	$112,644.62
Library Fund	1,819.96
Smaltz Fund	5,000.00
Class 1892 Prize Fund	486.68
Schaff Prize Fund	2,000.75
Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund	1,000.00
Henry Wirt Alcove Fund	1,000.00
A. Keiser and C. W. Schriver Alcove Fund	1,000.00
Seminary Class 1894 Alcove Fund	981.00
Jacob Y. Dietz Library Fund	4,000 00
Jacob Y. Dietz Prize Fund	2,000.00
Endowment Fund, Pittsburgh Synod	30,500.00
	$162,433.01

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we have attended to the duty assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN W. APPEL,
JOHN D. SKILES.

October 13, 1904.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

At the late Commencement the following degrees were conferred. The degree of A. B. on the following members of the Senior class:

Walter M. Althouse,
John Walter Baker,
Franklin Gilbert Beam,
John Warfel Beyer,
Robert Arthur Beyer,
Jacob Foster Bitner,
James Alfred Boehm,
Daniel David Brendle,
George Michael Brilhart,
Henry Wadsworth Brubaker,
Lee Marcus Erdman,
Herman Edgar Fegley,
Charles William Freed,
John Fulton,
John Mitchell Garbrick,
Josiah William Gitt, Jr.,
Ralph Hostetter Gochenaur,
Raymond Rogers Gregory,
Robert Keller Hershey,
Martin Clement Hoffman.
Eden Amram Hower,
Ara Willis Kauffman,
Amos Engle Kraybill,
Joseph Sell Laurence,
John Nathan Levan,
Angus Leroy Lightner,
Samuel Linford Moyer,
Edwin Allen Nace,

James Rumbaugh Peterson,
Paul Bertram Rupp,
Theodore Franklin Rupp,
Asa Arthur Schaeffer,
Forrest Grimm Schaeffer,
John Ahlum Schaeffer,
Robert L. Schaeffer,
Dennis Sipple,
John Wilson Sprecher,
Edward Wentz Stick,
Roland Brubaker Styer,
John Scholl Hosterman,
William Curtis Truxal,
Martin Weaver Witmer.

The degree of Ph. B. on the following:

John Elmer Groff,
Peter Monroe Harbold,
Edwin Clark Herr,
Edgar Apple Slagle,
Luther Ferree Witmer.

The degree of A. M. in course on the following graduates of the College:

Henry Clay Eschbach, M. D., 1880.
Jackson Taylor, 1900.
John Hacke Bortz, 1901.
Forry Rohrer Getz, 1901.
Harry Garfield Hartman, 1901.
James Naftzinger Blatt, 1901.
Henry Irvin Stahr, 1901.
John Samuel Staudt, 1901.
George Leicester Thomas, 1901.
Charles Roy Fisher, 1900.
Richard Courtney Rengier, 1901.
William Garfield Fox, 1900.

At the request of the Faculty and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the degree of B. D. was conferred on the Rev. Frederick W. Bald, of Clearspring, Md.

The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on the Rev. Hiram King, Somerset, Pa., and the Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the College has enjoyed an encouraging degree of prosperity. The enrollment for the year 1903-1904 shows an increase of sixteen students in the College and twenty-two in the Academy. At the opening of the fall term of the year 1904-1905 the College had the largest accession of new students in its history—seventy-one in all, fifty-five Freshmen and special students, fourteen Sophomores and two Seniors. There are also four graduate students enrolled who are prosecuting a special course of study in the institution.

The only changes in the faculty were in the departments of Oratory and Physical Culture. Prof. John M. Chambers, A. M., was appointed to the former position, the authorities of the Seminary concurring, and his work has been very satisfactory. In the department of Physical Culture, Mr. David R. Brown was appointed at the beginning of the year. Mr. Brown withdrew in December and Mr. Luther F. Witmer was

appointed for the remainder of the season. At the beginning of the present year Mr. William P. Bates, of Providence, R. I., was appointed to the position of Physical Instructor.

The financial condition of the College and the prosecution of the scheme for a larger endowment, as will appear from the report of the treasurer and of the president's assistant, Prof. Edwin M. Hartman, present many encouraging features. The net income of the College for the year was $19,195.71. The expenses were $23,850.92, leaving an excess of expense over receipts of $4,655.21. For the year ending June, 1903, the excess was $6,138.69, making a difference in favor of last year of $1,483.48.

The debt on the Science Building was diminished by $7,492.35, leaving still a balance due of $13,772.24.

The endowment funds in June, 1903, amounted to $208,705.13; in 1904, $234,645.56—an increase of $25,940.43.

To carry forward auspiciously the work begun in connection with the Golden Jubilee of the College, it was found expedient to appoint an assistant to the president, who should devote his time to the collection of funds and the presentation of the cause of the College before the community, so as to secure new students and make the College more generally known. Prof. Edwin M. Hartman, of Franklin and Marshall Academy, was appointed to this position, and he has prosecuted the work with unwearied zeal and energy and with very gratifying results. He reports that the amount pledged up to last Commencement to the larger endowment of the College (toward which $150,000 was to be raised) was the sum of $73,072.00. Of this amount about $31,000 has been paid into the hands of the treasurer, including, however, $5,000 of specific endowment and $2,500 for a purpose not definitely specified, which are not included in the endowment as reported above. The remainder is in the form of pledges, all of which are believed to be good, and it is hoped they will be paid in due time. In addition to the work done by Prof. Hartman, the College has received a bequest of $1,500 from the estate of the late Francis R. Boyer, of Hellertown, and a number of valuable gifts to the Library and the Museum of the College. Among the latter are three paintings presented to the Science Building by the family of the late Mr. B. Wolff, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa.;

"The Three Women of Crevecoeur," by Willkamp; "An Egyptian Fellah-Woman," by Ch. Landelle; "Jealousy," by J. F. Portaels. Also the beautiful collection of birds, belonging to Dr. Raub, of Lancaster city; deer's heads and a beautiful mounted specimen of elk, by Mr. A. C. Kepler, of Lancaster, and deer's heads by Dr. S. T. Davis, of Lancaster city.

It is highly important that the work begun at the Golden Jubilee, and carried forward with such gratifying success during the past year, should be continued in the same spirit until crowned with the full measure of success anticipated by the friends of the College. Prof. Hartman's work has not only resulted in securing large additions to the endowment and a large accession of new students, but it has also secured attention and good-will of the people in different parts of the Church to an unusual degree, and the benefit of the work done in this way will be manifest in years to come. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that the three synods will take such action as will insure the continuance of this work and the speedy accomplishment of the undertaking in all its various aspects.

The president of the College, through the courtesy of the Board of Trustees, obtained leave of absence from the College during the latter part of the last college year, which enabled him to secure much needed rest and the inspiring benefit of travel in foreign countries. He regrets that for this reason it was necessary for him to be absent from College at the late Commencement, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that all the work was successfully and carefully attended to by Dr. Dubbs, the acting president, and his colleagues in the faculty, for all of which he desires to record his sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday afternoon, which report was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The following documents have been referred to it: The

catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College, of the Woman's College of Frederick, and of Catawba College, the report of President Stahr, the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, the report of the Board of Education and the synopsis of John B. Roth's report as treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

From President Stahr's report we learn that the enrollment of the new students for the present year—seventy-two in all—is the largest in the history of the College; that the expenses exceeded the receipts by $4,655.21, which, however, is nearly $1,500 less than the previous year; that there is still due on the Science Building $13,772.24; that the endowment fund has increased $25,940.25; that Prof. Edwin M. Hartman has been appointed to collect funds for an increase of the endowment to the amount of $150,000 at least, which is to be known as the Jubilee offering:

1. *Resolved,* That this Synod hears with pleasure of the large accessions of new students, and requests the Classes to keep before the minds of young men seeking an education the claims and advantages of Franklin and Marshall College.

2. *Resolved,* That the Classes be urged to provide such plans as will aid Prof. Hartman in presenting the needs of the College and collecting funds for the endowment.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary we learn that the Board requests the Synods to designate the first Sunday in November annually as Seminary Day, when pastors shall present the claims of the ministry upon consecrated young men, and the needs of the Seminary; that the synod is requested to appoint a committee to aid a committee appointed by the Board to increase the endowment of the Seminary; that the Board has purchased a lot of ground; that the current expenses of the Seminary is $3,000, and that the Potomac Synod is to raise $1,000 of the above amount, that the terms of office of Jacob H. Cost and Dr. E. A. Shullenberger expire in December, 1904.

1. *Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to confer with

similar committees of the other Synods, and, with the faculty, in arranging for a "Seminary Day," on which the needs and aims of our Seminary shall be emphasized and special efforts made to influence worthy young men to enter the gospel ministry.

The committee consists of Revs. S. S. Miller, H. M. J. Klein and Elder J. H. Schriver.

2. *Resolved,* That the Synod appoint a Committee to co-operate with a committee of the Board to increase the endowment of the Seminary.

The President appointed Revs. E. R. Deatrick, L. Robb and F. L. Kerr the above committee.

3. *Resolved,* That Synod assumes the $1,000 for the current expenses of the Seminary, and refers it to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

4. *Resolved,* That the two vacancies in the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's College we learn of the continued prosperity of the College; that the enrollment for the past year was 179, eleven of whom were graduated from the various departments; that the present enrollment is about the same for the present year, that the property has been improved; that the College is greatly in need of increased endowment; that a generous friend has offered to give one dollar for every two dollars that the Church will contribute to this end, and that there is one vacancy on the Board.

1. *Resolved.* That we express anew our confidence in and hearty appreciation of the work done by President and Mrs. Apple, and urge the claims of the College upon the members of this Synod.

2. *Resolved,* That the Synod appoint a committee to co-operate with the Board to increase the endowment, and that the work be pushed forward as vigorously as possible in order to secure the generous offer made by a friend of the College, and that $800 be appropriated for the expenses of committees referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

3. *Resolved,* That the vacancy on the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg

Academy we learn that the past year has been the best; that the enrollment was 369, representing 22 different states and countries, that the present enrollment is 318, that a new dormitory has been built at the cost $41,000, that the College has generously assisted about sixty young men; that there are three vacancies on the Board—Mr. H. R. Schuebley, Dr. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. C. A. Santee.

1. *Resolved,* That we express our confidence in the present management of the Board of Regents, and commend the Academy to the young men of our Church.

2. *Resolved,* That we express our appreciation of the work done by Dr. and Mrs. Irvine and the faculty of the Academy, and of the interest shown by the Academy in missionary activity.

3. *Resolved,* That we learn with pleasure of the noble work of Mercersburg in aiding young men to secure an education.

4. *Resolved,* That the three vacancies be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn that the vacancies in the professorships have been filled; that the Synod is requested to raise $250 for the services of Prof. Chambers as professor of elocution; that the terms of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and J. W. Santee, D. D., as members of the Board of Visitors expire December, 1904.

1. *Resolved,* That the Synod rejoices that the vacancies in the professorships have been filled.

2. *Resolved,* That the Synod accedes to the request of the Board to raise $250 for the service of Prof. Chambers, and that the amount shall be referred to the Committee on Finance to apportion among the Classes.

3. *Resolved,* That the two vacancies on the Board of Visitors be referred to the Committee on Nominations to suggest names for election.

4. *Resolved,* That the attention of the Classes be called to the urgent necessity of impressing pastors and people with the need of young men for the ministry.

From the report of the Board of Education we find that some of the Stated Clerks fail to send in requests for renewal of appropriations and as to the new applicants; that three new

applicants for aid were received, that ten renewals for aid were received, and that three students, who do not receive aid, are under the care of the Board; that the Board requests an apportionment of $2,500, that the terms of office of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., Rev. J. W. Santee and Rev. P. A. DeLong must be filled at this meeting, and that the unexpired term of Rev. S. H. Stein must be filled.

1. *Resolved,* That the Stated Clerks be requested to send in promptly renewals or requests for beneficiary aid.

2. *Resolved,* That the Board be requested to exercise all proper care over the students committed to its guardianship.

3. *Resolved,* That the apportionment of $2,500 be accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the Classes.

4. *Resolved,* That the vanancies in the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations to suggest proper persons to be voted on.

Catawba College.

From the report submitted by the Trustees of College we learn that last year 192 students were enrolled, and that the present enrollment is 120. The indebtedness of the College is about $4,000. The College is greatly in need of further equipment and endowment.

We, your committee, recommend the following:

Resolved, That we recognize Catawba College as the centre of the influence of the Reformed Church in the South, and therefore as the most promising medium through which to extend the borders of our Church in this promising field.

Resolved, That the several Classes be urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College, and that pastors be urged to give all possible assistance toward increasing the endowment of College.

Resolved, That the six vacancies on the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Resolved, That the Board be commended for the satisfactory report made at this time to the Synod.

Resolved, That Synod recognizes the liberality of the gift of $15,000 to Catawba for the purpose of giving theological instruction, until which time the income shall be used within

the bounds of the Classis of North Carolina to assist in mission work. Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER.

The committee called for in resolution (2) Woman's College is composed of Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., M. O. Noll, and Elder E. A. Rice.

Endowment of Woman's College.

The Committee presented the following report. It was received, read and adopted.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on "Woman's College" to keep that interest before the Classes and congregations of the Synod with a view of increasing the interest in the institution, both by way of patronage, and by way of endowment, beg leave to report as follows:

We have had no meeting of the committee during the year. In fact, it was not the purpose of the Synod that this committee should hold stated meetings, but rather that the individual members thereof might be, each in his respective Classis, the individual through whom the College authorities might stand in contact with the Classis. As such the members of the committee have from time to time arranged for the presentation of the work and cause of Woman's College.

In this view of our duty as a committee, the following presentations have been arranged for the cause during the past year:

Total number of presentations of the cause by President Apple, 31, of which 15 were with use of lantern and 16 without. Points visited with lantern: Carroll Charge, Md.; Fairfield, Pa.; McKnightstown, Pa.; Cashtown, Pa.; Woodberry, Md.; Ridgely, Md.; Marysville, Pa.; Newport, Pa.; New Bloomfield, Pa.; Blain, Pa.; Landisburg, Pa.; Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Newburg, Pa.; Charlesville, Md.; Points visited without lantern: Adamstown, Md.; Walkersville, Md.; Thurmont, Md. (2); Mt. Pleasant, Md.; Silver Run, Md.; St. Jacobs, Pa.; Shrewsbury, Pa.; Glen Rock, Pa.; Carlisle, Pa.; Waynesboro, Pa.; Littlestown, Pa.; Christ Church, Pa.; Washington, D. C.; Saegertown, Pa.; Reichels, Pa.

President Apple was accompanied and assisted by Rev. M.

O. Noll, Chairman of Committee, at Marysville, Pa.; Newport, Pa.; New Bloomfield, Pa.; Blain, Pa.; Newburg, Pa.

Your Committee has not made any special effort toward the endowment of the College, though this will be the ultimate outcome of the work done. We believe that by continuing the work done from year to year, the College will receive the patronage and endowment its service and usefulness in the Church demands. Respectfully submitted,

M. O. NOLL.

Catawba College.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: In behalf of Catawba College, the Synod, under whose care this institution is, is respectfully overtured to endorse the proposition to raise $100,000 endowment fund, the same to be raised within three years. The responsibility for the raising of this amount is to be placed upon the President and Board of Trustees of the College.

2. To set apart the sum of $800 for current expenses of Catawba College, to be raised by apportionment, and to cover a period of three years. Respectfully,

GEORGE ALBERT SNYDER, *President.*

The special committee, consisting of Revs. J. M. Schick, D. D., M. O. Noll, C. W. Levan, and Elders A. C. McCardell and M. A. Foltz, to whom Items 8 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod and 12 of Overtures were referred, presented their report on Saturday afternoon. It was received, read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee, to which was referred the Item 8 of Minutes of Synod and the communication of Overtures 12, Rev. G. A. Snyder, President of Catawba College, having considered these questions raised, respectfully offers the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the endorsement of the plans to raise $100,000 for the endowment of Catawba College be deferred; and that the Board of Trustees of the institution be requested to amend the charter so as to bring the College into organic relation to the Synod.

Resolved, That the President of Catawba College be authorized to continue for one year the raising of $10,075.16 as

a fund sufficient to complete the endowment of the presidency of that college as pledged by this Synod, and $2,654.13 for the liquidation of the interest in arrears; and as much more as he may be able to raise in that time.

Resolved, That $800, to pay the interest and other expenses for this year, be assessed upon the Classes, and the amount referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Resolved, That, for the amount due on the sum borrowed to pay Synod's part in the Science Building, the sum of $1,000 and amount ($250) needed to pay the interest on the unpaid principal—or $1,250—be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK.

Your Committee, to whom, in conjunction with the Trustees of Catawba College was referred the appointment of a financial agent to collect the deficit of $14,388.33 on Synod's pledge to Catawba College, and the deficit of $5,000 on the Science Building Fund, would respectfully report:

1. After some correspondence with the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, your committee appointed Rev. Geo. A. Snyder, then pastor of Christ Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md.

2. The compensation, which was mutually agreed upon, was 10 per cent. of the amounts collected.

Brother Snyder, after considerable hesitation, accepted the appointment, and entered upon the work of collecting funds, December 12, 1903. He, however, continued his work as pastor of Christ Church, Hagerstown, until July 9, 1904, at which time he resigned to accepted the Presidency of Catawba College. He was hence enabled to devote to the work only such time as he could spare from his pastorate. From July 9 to August 10, he devoted all his time to the work; but on August 6, he removed to Newton, N. C., to enter upon his work as President of Catawba College, and he did not again enter the field as agent until October 14. Altogether he was enabled to give about ten weeks of uninterrupted work to an active canvass for funds.

We ask the Synod to bear these facts in mind in estimating the results obtained.

Brother Snyder has secured subscriptions to the amount of $4,534.60, of which amount $4,236.85 is to be credited to Catawba College endowment fund, and $297.75 to the Science Building Fund. Of this amount $3,723.40 and $212.25 have been paid in cash respectively on the two accounts. Deducting 10 per cent. agent's commission, we have left, $3,813.17 on the Catawba endowment fund, and $267.98 on the Science Building fund.

In addition to the above, Brother Snyder ascertained that a note of $500 given by Gen. John E. Roller several years ago, had been intended for the endowment fund, instead of a scholarship fund. Adding this to the above amount, we have $4,313.17, leaving $10,075.16 to be raised to cancel Synod's pledge of $17,000.

Your Committee desires to add that, so far as Brother Snyder has been able to go in the prosecution of his work, he has met with a cordial reception on the part of our pastors and people; for which he desires, through the chairman of your committee, to return thanks to the brethren. Your committee is of the opinion that, if the Synod will allow Brother Snyder to prosecute his work a while longer, with its cordial support, the remaining deficit on this Catawba College endowment fund will be speedily raised.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER.

The special Committee to whom Item 5 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures was referred, presented the following report, which was received, read and adopted:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Reverend Brethren: Your Special Committee to whom was referred Item V of the report of the Committee on Overtures, being the Eastern Synod's overture for a conference looking to increasing the efficiency of the Church's work of beneficiary education, and securing uniformity and unity therein, beg leave to report that—

Inasmuch as the Synod of the Potomac is already carrying forward its work of beneficiary education through a synodic board under uniform rules holding throughout the Synod, it is not deemed desirable at the present time to enter into confer-

ence with the Eastern Synod; while at the same time the Synod will gladly consider any proposals looking to increasing the efficiency of the important work referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

A. THOS. G. APPLE.

Acceptance of Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer.

The acceptance of the call to the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary by Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., was laid before Synod and ordered printed.

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, JULY 19, 1904.

REV. MILES O. NOLL, PRESIDENT, AND REV. E. R. DEATRICK, STATED CLERK, OF POTOMAC SYNOD:

Dear Brethren: The call to the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., which you placed in my hands on the morning of June 17, 1904, as I was already on my way to the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches at Liverpool, England, has been carefully considered.

I appreciate the high honor which the Synod of the Potomac has conferred upon me in thus unanimously electing me to this responsible position. I also realize the great responsibility which your call places upon me, as well as the opportunity for rendering important service to the Church of our Lord. To prepare young men for the work of the gospel ministry is always an important part of the Church's work, and at no time has it been more important than at present.

Relying upon the wisdom of the three Synods which have unanimously joined in calling me to this important work, and trusting in the ever-present help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, I accept the trust which your call brings to me, promising to consecrate to the Seminary the utmost of my strength and talent. I shall hold myself in readiness to enter upon the work to which you have called me, with the opening of the Seminary in September next.

Praying the Great Head of the Church to continue his blessing upon the Seminary.

I am your servant in the Lord,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER.

The following letter of Dr. J. C. Bowman was also presented and ordered to be printed:

REV. E. R. DEATRICK, STATED CLERK OF THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

My dear Sir and Brother: I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of official copy of resolutions adopted by the Synod of the Potomac, in which, through its committee, it expresses regret upon my withdrawal from the chair of New Testament Exegis in the Theological Seminary, along with its kind sentiments of high regard for me and my services.

Such honorable tribute from the Synod of the Potomac I most highly appreciate, and I trust that my services in the Seminary and in behalf of the various interests of the Church may not prove unworthy of the Synod's continued confidence and esteem.

The kind note which you appended, in which you express your personal regard, has not only been grateful to my heart, but serves to strengthen me for the work to which I have been called by the Pittsburgh Synod.

With very kind kind regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

JOHN C. BOWMAN.

September 13, 1904.

The members of the Board of Visitors belonging to this Synod were instructed to co-operate with the other Synods in the publication of the inaugural addresses of professors Bowman, Schaeffer and Noss.

Item 20 Minutes of Synod.

The committee appointed to extend a call to Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer, and, if said call was accepted, arrange for his installation and provide him a house, reported. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Committee, appointed to extend a call to the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., and in case it was accepted by him, to arrange for his installation and provide a house for him, begs leave to report:

That the call was extended to Dr. Schaeffer, and he has

signified his acceptance of it. His installation will take place at the opening of the Winter term, January 10, 1905, in the Seminary Building at Lancaster.

We suggest that the Synod arrange for this service.

Your committee has not provided a house for Dr. Schaeffer.

We suggested to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary the feasibility of purchasing the lot situated between the house now occupied by Dr. Bowman and the Seminary grounds, and the erection thereon of two houses, so that each of the five professors be provided with a home.

In case this be done, we suggest that this Synod join with the Eastern Synod and the Synod of Pittsburgh in paying for the same in the usual proportion, viz.: Eastern Synod, one-half; Synod of the Potomac, one-third; and the Synod of Pittsburgh, one-sixth.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. Noll,

E. R. Deatrick.

$2,000 were referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment in payment of the Synod's share of the James Street lot for the Seminary, on which to build a house for Professor Schaeffer.

At the election of members of the several Boards of the Synod held during the session of Monday afternoon Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., P. A. DeLong, C. A. Santee were elected members of the Board of Education for three years, and Rev. J. H. Hoffheins, D. D., for one year; Elder A. R. Schnebley, and Revs. C. A. Santee, C. Clever, D. D., were elected members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for three years; Elder J. Gassman was chosen Director of the Woman's College for five years; Rev. Drs. E. R. Eschbach and J. W. Santee members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for four years; Elders E. A. Shullenberger and Henry Gable members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for six years; and the Hon. W. J. Zacharias a Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College for three years to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George N. Forney.

Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., Paul Barringer, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Messrs. A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong and George

McCorkle were nominated for Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by Catawba College.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the date of the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

Board of Education.—Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., C. A. Santee, P. A. DeLong, 1907; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius, 1906; Revs. W. C. Cremer, D. D., I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., 1905.

Board of Regents of Mercersberg College.—Revs. C. Clever, D. D., C. A. Santee, and Elder A. R. Schnebley, 1907; Rev. I. N. Peightel and Elders E. J. Bonebrake and J. Gassman, 1906; Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, D. D., J. S. Kieffer, D. D., 1905.

Directors of Woman's College.—Elder John Gassman, 1909; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., 1908; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., 1907; Elder W. H. Lakin, 1906; Elder A. C. McCardell, 1905.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., J. W. Santee, D. D., 1908; Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., and Lewis Robb, 1906.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary: Elders E. A. Shullenberger, Henry Gable, 1910; Elders S. N. Hench and I. Laucks, 1908; Elders J. H. Schriver and J. B. Shullenberger, 1906.

Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., A. S. Weber, D. D., 1910; J. W. Wetzel, Esq., 1909; W. J. Zacharias, Esq., 1907.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, and the report of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and referred to the standing Committee on Missions, for consideration. The committee pre-

sented its report during the session of Monday afternoon. The report was received, read, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

I. Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Brethren: As the Board of Missions was organized in 1873, this is our thirty-first report, reminding us of the many and great changes that have taken place, both in the Board and in its methods of work, during this long period of missionary activity, the details of which are worthy of careful research and study.

The Board at present is made up as follows: President, Rev. C. A. Santee; Secretary, Rev. E. N. Kremer, D. D.; Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley; Rev. G. A. Schwedes, Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D., Rev. C. B. Schneder, Elder Charles G. Schaeffer, Rev. N. H. Skyles, Rev. J. D. Miller, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. L. E. Coblentz, Rev. E. R. Deatrick and Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D. The first three and the last three are the Executive Council.

In April last two missions within the bounds of Potomac Synod became self-supporting: Grace church, Washington, D. C., and Faith church, Baltimore, Md.

During the synodical year the following missions within the two Synods have been enrolled: York, Pa., West Hazleton, Pa., and a Hungarian mission in Pocahontas, Va.

As part of our report we lay before you the full report of treasurer J. J. Nissley. You will notice that the amount received for missions, compared with that of last year, is greater by $3,582.87.

During the year the Board received three legacies: $262.50, being the final payment on $500 from the estate of Mr. Josiah Griffith, late of Bedford county, Pa., for a Church-building Fund; also $1,231.26, being part of the residue of the estate of the said Josiah Griffith; and $1,646.76 from the estate of the late Mrs. Seraphine A. Dissler, of Reading, Pa., for two Church-building Funds.

In addition to this the Board received $50 from Rev. A. M.

Schmidt toward a Fund now almost completed, and $100 from the Sunday-school of the Second church, Reading, Pa., in completion of its Fund.

And it is worthy of note that in addition to these sums paid to our treasurer, other Church-building Funds from these Synods were paid into the treasury of the General Board as follows: $500 from Mr. John B. Kunz, of Huntingdon, Pa.; $500 from Miss Eliza A. Rauch, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; $500 from Miss Emma B. Houck, of Frederick, Md.; $500 from the Ladies Guild of the First church, Reading, Pa.; $500 from Mr. William U. Roulette, of Hagerstown, Md.; $500 from Elder Emmanuel J. Diehl, of Bedford county, Pa.; $100 from Miss Sarah E. Fricker, of Reading, Pa., being first payment; and $100 from The North Penn Ministerial Association toward a proposed Fund.

For the preservation of valuable papers the Board has secured a safe, which bears the inscription: "Presented to the Board of Missions by Elder Israel Laucks, of York, Pa."

All of the missions within these two Synods have pastors; and the reports of the missionaries give encouraging accounts of both spiritual and financial progress.

Both Synods will note that in April, 1905, the Board of Home Missions of General Synod will elect a Superintendent of Missions for these Synods. Accordingly we recommend that the Synods nominate Rev. A. C. Whitmer for this office for the term of three years beginning October 1, 1905.

The Synod of the Potomac will note that the terms of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and of Rev. L. E. Coblentz will expire April 1, 1905; and the Synod will also fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. J. F. Moyer, owing to removal from the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. SANTEE, *President,*
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

II. Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dr.

FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From the Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis	$2,127.35	
Tohickon Classis	1,348.33	
Goshenhoppen Classis	2,120.87	
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,100.00	
Lebanon Classis	1,883.96	
Lancaster Classis	2,118.67	
Schuylkill Classis	1,684.99	
East Susquehanna Classis	1,570.00	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,883.03	
Lehigh Classis	3,207.00	
Wyoming Classis	1,818.32	
Reading Classis	2,919.19	
		$24,781.71

From the Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	$3,154.19	
Mercersburg Classis	1,257.97	
Virginia Classis	300.00	
Zion's Classis	743.51	
Juniata Classis	2,125.26	
Gettysburg Classis	600.00	
North Carolina Classis	665.67	
Carlisle Classis	671.97	
		$9,518.57

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Shepherdstown, W. Va.	$14.50
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	100.00
Rev. F. A. Gast, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.	10.00
Harbaugh church, Waynesboro, Pa.	4.41
Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hazleton, Pa.	11.43
Harrisville, Va.	11.75
Mt. Crawford, Va.	15.40
Sunday-school, Turbutville, Pa.	5.00
"A Friend," Philadelphia, Pa.	20.00
Hummelstown, Pa.	20.00
Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.	258.30
Riegelsville, Pa., congregation	156.00
Riegelsville, Pa., Sunday-school	91.28
Salem Sunday-school, Harrisburg, Infant Dept.	3.15

Nevin Boyer Fund, Riegelsville, Pa.	5.00	
Mrs. Anna R. Wagner, interest on legacy	100.00	
Trinity, Altoona, Pa.	52.25	
Pavia, Pa., Easter offering	7.45	
Interest on Gerhart Fund	6.00	
W. M. Society, Lancaster Classis	10.00	
		$901.92
		$35,202.20

CR.

Paid Geo. W. Stein, treasurer General Board	$35,202.20

FOR HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Mercersburg Classis	$170.00	
Maryland Classis	307.45	
Sunday-school, Fort Washington, Pa.	42.48	
Mrs. Anna K. Shook, Greencastle, Pa.	10.00	
Carlisle Classis	88.65	
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	50.00	
Huntingdon, Pa.	4.00	
Martinsburg charge	15.00	
Missionary Society, Pavia, Pa.	15.00	
Virginia Classis	102.00	
Juniata Classis	150.00	
Zion's Classis	85.03	
Eastern Synod	2,495.26	
		$3,534.87

FOR THE HARBOR MISSION.

Maryland Classis	39.04	
Carlisle Classis	12.03	
Mercersburg Classis	24.00	
Juniata Classis	31.00	
Zion's Classis	13.98	
Virginia Classis	11.00	
Eastern Synod	388.23	
		$519.28

FOR GERMAN MISSIONS.

Geo. N. Forney, treasurer Potomac Synod	66.03	
Maryland Classis	122.00	
Juniata Classis	125.00	
Virginia Classis	35.00	
Eastern Synod	1,353.43	
		$1,701.46
		$5,755.61

CR.

Paid Geo. W. Stein, treasurer General Board	$5,755.61

DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Huntingdon, Pa., for St. Joseph's, Mo	$5.00	
Huntingdon, Pa., for Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa	5.00	
Huntingdon, Pa., for Greensboro, N. C	15.00	
Anon., Frederick, Md., for Moffet's Creek, Va	1.00	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. Causey, Lower Davidson	58.33	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. McNary, Blowing Rock	58.32	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. Murphy, Lenoir	30.84	
North Carolina Classis, for Catawba charge	100.00	
Dunnings Creek charge, for St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.	10.00	
Dunnings Creek charge, for Lewistown, Pa	10.80	
Dunnings Creek charge, for Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa	1.00	
Dunnings Creek charge, for Sioux City, Ia	5.00	
		$300.29

CR.

Paid as designated	$300.29

FOR CHURCH BUILDING.

Balance in treasury September 28, 1903		$4,031.42
Schuylkill Classis	$215.00	
Tohickon Classis	274.40	
Lebanon Classis	291.97	
Philadelphia Classis	258.71	
Lehigh Classis	319.00	
Reading Classis	364.00	
East Susquehanna Classis	74.37	
Lancaster Classis	300.60	
West Susquehanna Classis	275.00	
		$2,373.05

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Trone and Schmidt Fund	$50.00	
Josiah Griffith Fund	262.50	
Josiah and Susanna Griffith Fund	1,231.26	
Second church, Sunday-school, Reading, Pa	100.00	
Benneville and Seraphine A. Dissler Fund	823.38	
Leonora Boys' Fund	823.38	
		$3,290.52

LOANS REPAID.

Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.	$200.00	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.	50.00	
Salisbury, N. C., on mortgage	450.00	
Salisbury, N. C., on note	33.89	
Roanoke, Va., on parsonage	100.00	
Brown Memorial, Wichita, Kan.	999.00	
For the same, by the Board of Home Missions	500.00	
Trenton, N. J., Hungarian	200.00	
Grace, Allentown, Pa.	200.00	
Steelton, Pa.	25.00	
South Norwalk, Conn., Hungarian	125.00	
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	1,100.00	
Board of Home Missions	3,000.00	
		$6,982.89
		$16,677.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, treasurer for Church-Building Fund.	$2,373.05	
Loan to Lewistown, Pa.	2,000.00	
Loan to High Point, N. C.	275.00	
Loan to Emmanuel's church, York, Pa.	3,000.00	
Special deposit, Hummelstown National Bank	3,000.00	
Loan to Walnutport, Pa.	500.00	
Loan to Board of Home Missions	3,000.00	
Loan to Grace church, York, Pa.	2,000.00	
Sept. 30. Balance in treasury	529.83	
		$16,677.88

GENERAL TREASURY.

Balance in treasury September 28, 1903		$3,127.45
Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	$135.00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell	95.00	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.	2.70	
C. M. Boush, General Board	300.00	
Dividends of Spangler Legacy	43.76	
Grace church, Baltimore, Md.	25.00	
Roanoke, Va.	165.00	
Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	40.00	
Hungarian church, Trenton, N. J.	33.00	
Maryland Classis	197.50	
High Point, N. C.	16.25	
Hungarian church, Phœnixville, Pa.	10.00	
St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.	150.00	
Grace, Allentown, Pa.	30.00	
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	31.00	
Packerton, Pa.	10.00	

Scranton, Pa.	75.00	
Burlington, N. C.	15.00	
St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	58.00	
		$1,432.21
		$4,559.66

Cr.

Mr. Irvin S. Ditzler, supply at Thomasville, N. C.	$60.00	
Traveling expenses of the Board and postage	69.52	
Salary of the secretary	75.00	
Salary of the treasurer	75.00	
Balance in treasury Sept. 30, 1904	4,280.14	
		$4,559.66

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. J. Nissley, *Treasurer.*

Hummelstown, Pa., September 30, 1904.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

James C. Thompson,
Ellis N. Kremer,
Auditors.

Harrisburg, Pa., October 3, 1904.

III. Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Brethren: In presenting to the Synods this annual report the Board would express its thanks to God for his blessings upon its efforts, and to the Church for the substantial support that has been given for the advancement of the work. The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the Board. The Church begins to realize the importance of planting her standards in the home land. At our very doors those of other lands are calling for help, while the children of our own people need our best efforts in order to give them the bread of life.

Missions and Missionaries. — Three missions became self-supporting on April 1st, 1904, and passed off the roll of the Board. The following missions were enrolled during the year, viz.: York, Pa.; Edinburg, Ill.; Wilton Junction, Ia.; Pocahontas, Va.; Struthers, O.; Oskaloosa, Ia.; Dillonvale, O.; Homewood, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Derry, Pa., and West Hazleton, Pa. We now have on

the roll of the Board one hundred and eleven missions, the largest number we have ever had. Three of the missions are without pastors at this date. Of this large number of men under the care of the Board not one was disabled in any way during the year. All these men enjoyed good health and did a good work for the people under their care and for the Church whose servants they are. The missions have been prosperous. Of course, some have a more hopeful future so far as human eyes can see, than others; yet there is not one that presents a discouraging aspect.

THE FINANCES.—The Board paid all the missionaries promptly at the end of each quarter. We are glad to report that the condition of the finances is gradually improving. Treasurer Stein gives us the following as his statement of the finances for the year ending September 1st, 1904:

For Home missions	$51,858.86
For Hungarian missions	4,968.09
For German missions	2,426.58
For the Harbor Mission	1,164.37
Total	$60,417.90

It will be noticed that the amount paid for Hungarian and German missions is in each case only a little over one-half of the sum voted by the General Synod at Baltimore, while the sum paid for the Harbor mission falls $35.63 short of the sum promised. Might not these shortages be raised? Yet, it will be seen that the sum received during the year is larger than that received during any previous year.

Last year when the report was made the indebtedness was fully $13,000. At the present time, Treasurer Stein reports that the debt is $2,127.21. Can we not as a Church arrange to wipe out this small debt and put some additional funds into the treasury? When the whole Church is interested in paying the Harbor missionary, is it not strange that the whole sum of $1,200 could not be raised? It will be noticed also that the $60,417.90 is $14,502.10 short of the whole sum voted by the General Synod for the use of the Home Board.

HUNGARIAN WORK.—It will be noticed that we now have seventeen Hungarian missionaries at work. These missions

are either in cities or in thriving towns. They are in the midst of the Hungarian population and have plenty of material upon which to work. The missions are prospering while the missionaries are doing faithful work. There was an attempt made by the Church in Hungary to have the churches in this country attach themselves to the mother Church. But from all appearances this whole matter has been settled and the work will go forward as usual. While we are doing a commendable work, there are still other places that should be taken up by us. These missions have been engaged in the work of erecting church buildings, and the majority of them have very comfortable houses of worship. The Board has had to help these missions liberally with its Church-building Funds, but these will all be paid back to the Board in due time.

THE BULLETIN.—This little paper still continues its monthly visits to many of our congregations. The circulation is about 26,000, and goes out at the rate of a penny a copy per year. Of course, this price is simply to help bear part of the postal charges. The aim of the Board is to get the facts of our home work more generally before our people. We believe that the end in view is being accomplished. Those who get it are pleased with it, not a few declaring that it is just the kind of a paper that the Church needs. Not only does the Board aim, through it, to give to the Church the missionary news, but to give such other facts of a missionary character as will be beneficial to her. The circulation should be larger.

HOME MISSIONARY DAY.—This day comes on the second Sunday in November. We cannot say that it has been a complete success so far. The fact that it comes so soon after the meetings of the synods is somewhat against it. The fact that it comes just when some of the pastors are getting ready for the Christmas festival may also militate somewhat against it. But it is likely that the fact that the services were not out in time had more to do with its failure than aught else. This latter has been remedied this year. At this writing the services are ready for distribution, and in a very short time will be in the hands of the pastors. The services and the envelopes will be sent to all the pastors. This is somewhat of a departure from last year. Of course, this is *Home Missionary Day* in the Sunday-schools, and the Board does ask most earnestly that all

the pastors hold this service in their Sunday-schools. Let the children learn what they can of the great work in which they must soon take a more lively part. Give them an opportunity, also, to give their mite for the furtherance of the work. With the children, let the whole congregation join in the service, so as to encourage them in the part they take.

CHURCH-BUILDING.—This work is still of first importance, and demands the attention of the Church and the Board. Treasurer Boush furnished the following statement for this report, for the year ending September 1st, 1904:

MONEYS RECEIVED.

On Church building funds	$5,614.96
On apportionments	3,604.52
On moneys invested	2,843.87
Interest on investments	851.10
Special offerings	24.55
On bonds issued	36,500.00
Total	$49,439.00

MONEY PAID OUT.

Invested in real estate	$32,143.39
Bonds redeemed	20,100.00
Interest paid	3,515.25
Salary for attorney, treasurer and other expenses	644.50
Total	$56,403.14

This leaves a deficit of $6,964.14. But it will be seen that $32,143.39 was invested in real estate during the year.

New bonds were issued	$36,500.00
Bonds redeemed	20,100.00
Leaving	$16,400.00

which represents the actual increase of the indebtedness during the year. This seems a large increase of the indebtedness, but the work demanded it. There were on September 1st $8,000 of this $16,400 in the treasury ready to meet some liabilities soon coming due. The value of lots held by the Board and the money invested in the erection of churches now amounts to nearly $350,000. Of course if the increased value

were reckoned, the sum would be larger. This is certainly a good showing for a period of fourteen years during which this arm of the work has been in operation. The indebtedness of our building fund is largely caused by the rapid increase of the missions and the necessity of supplying them with lots and buildings. Much of this indebtedness, however, is in the form of endorsements, and the missions themselves are obligated for the refunding of the money. In many cases the Board holds the deed for the lot, or holds a mortgage on the property as security. The importance of this part of the work should be kept before the membership of our Church. The increase of the building fund will enable the Board to extend the work in every direction.

The Matter of Self-support.—The Church contributes her money for the purpose of helping weak points and opening new missions in cities and districts where missions are needed. It is the idea of the Church and the Board that just as soon as a mission can help itself it should do so, and no longer ask the help of the Church. It is supposed that the classes and synods have an oversight over the missions within their bounds. In the nature of things, neither the Board nor the superintendents can determine when the time has come for the missions to go to self-support. In this matter the auxiliary Boards should come to the help of the General Board. These subordinate boards assume the right to recommend when and where missions should be established within their bounds. That is right, but they should also take such an oversight of the missions so established as to bring them to self-support as quickly as possible. The Board wishes to help the greatest number possible with the money contributed by the Church, and in order to do this the subordinate boards should keep careful watch over the missions in their territory. Missions that give no hope of self-support in a reasonable time should be consolidated with nearby congregations, if it can be done to advantage. The aim should be to relieve the Board of such missions, so as to help other points.

Additional Work.—As regards new work that might be assumed, there is scarcely any limit. There are plenty of places where the Board is asked to open missions. There are many towns and cities where we should begin work.

Under these circumstances the Board must do what seems best. There are those who criticize the Board for being rather slow and too conservative, not trusting the Church sufficiently, and having too little faith in our people to meet the exigencies of the case. But the Board has learned that it is best to move in accordance with the progress of the Church and not to risk too much by running too deeply into debt. It has been moving a little more rapidily than the Church, having created an indebtedness in order to push the work, but this must not go so far as to involve the Board and the Church in too large a debt. The Board must move somewhat in accordance with the men and the means that the Church furnishes. But the Board promises the synods to extend the work as rapidly as is consistent with all the circumstances and conditions of the case. Every year some new points are added, while churches are being erected among the missions. The Board now handles $100,000 or more annually in the prosecution of the work.

APPORTIONMENTS.—We give for the last time the amounts to be apportioned the synods as arranged by the General Synod at Baltimore:

SYNODS.	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among Germans.	Church Building.
Eastern	$32370 00	$492 00	$369 00	$2426 00	Six cents per member.
Potomac	12450 00	193 00	1443 00	930 00	" " " "
Pittsburg	6280 00	90 00	675 00	460 00	" " " "
Ohio	7875 00	125 00	937 00	590 00	" " " "
Interior	1085 00	14 00	107 00	94 00	" " " "

We again ask the synods to give the Board the sums in full that have been promised.

That Home Missionary Day in the Sunday-schools be observed and the offerings given as additional funds for the work.

That the Church-building interests be kept before our people with a view of increasing the number of our Church-building Funds.

We again earnestly request, six cents per member for Church-building.

D. S. FOUSE,
General Superintendent.

IV. Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The year 1904 will mark a notable event in the history of our Church. It is the quarto-centennial of our Mission in Japan. God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Twenty-five years ago we began the work at Tokyo with one missionary, and the receipts for the first year were about $7,000. Now we have twenty-one missionaries, and the receipts for the past year have been $69,500. Then, our membership in the home Church was 147,788, the receipts for benevolent objects $61,727, and for congregational purposes $532,229; now the membership is 255,880, receipts for benevolent objects $281,892, and for congregational purposes $1,450,247. These statistics are the best evidence that the establishment of our foreign mission has been a distinct gain to the Church. With the departure of the first missionary a new life was kindled in the hearts of our pastors and people, and to-day we may well rejoice over the glorious results of the toils and sacrifices of our noble band of missionaries. God bless them and us in our united efforts to bring souls into the kingdom.

Silver Jubilee.—All the synods and classes have taken strong action, urging pastors and people to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our Japan Mission. This event has been emphasized by special services, full of interest and inspiration, in Sendai and Tokyo. The native Christians fully appreciate the efforts of our people in their behalf. What have we done in the home Church towards a worthy celebration? Shall we not relate in sermons and addresses the story of the great achievements of our faithful missionaries? It has been the burning hope in many hearts that during this Silver Jubilee year, and as an expression of our gratitude to God for his special favors, the Church would contribute at least $25,000 for the erection of the North Japan College buildings. Towards this amount we have $6,000. Our earnest band of workers on the field look with pleading eyes to us to supply this great need. The brethren will remember that the North Japan College was in danger of being closed last April by the government for want of proper buildings. Only the promise of Dr. Schneder that the Church would provide these buildings during the coming year saved the institution from such

a calamity. Early in the year an official was sent to inspect the school, and, after giving a thorough inspection, he gave a very favorable report to a newspaper reporter at Sendai, in which he says: "I think it is a very promising school. I cannot but congratulate Sendai upon having such a good school. It is my conviction that it will surpass government schools in the near future." There is no doubt but that the North Japan College is a great moral and spiritual power in Japan, the centre of Christian work in the northern part of the Empire, and the greatest hope of future victory in this part of the missionary field. Who then will neglect to give large gifts towards the proper equipment of an institution that has for its chief object the training of young men for the gospel ministry?

GIRLS' SCHOOL COMPLETED.—It is with great joy of heart that we report the completion of all the buildings for the Miyagi Girls' School, and at a cost of over $8,000 below the original estimate. The leading Sendai daily says: "The dormitory is one of the best planned and most substantial in northeastern Japan, and will doubtless be patterned after by many other schools." The ladies' residence was enlarged so as to give a study and sleeping-room to each of the four lady teachers, and many other changes and repairs were made. The recitation hall, which is a memorial to the late Christine Vollmer Faust, is a beautiful solid brick structure with granite trimmings. As Japan is an earthquake country, great care was used that the building should be strong, and it is probably as nearly earthquake-proof as a building can be built. It contains eight recitation rooms, a large chapel, library, laboratory and science room, business office, reception room and waiting rooms. Our Girls' School has now a very fine equipment, and there is no better plant in Japan for the Christian education of young women. The cost of these buildings is as follows:

Dormitory	$7,496.70
Ladies' residence	2,370.65
Recitation hall	13.412.47
Moving Bible women's house	69.00
Two lots	2,884.31
Fencing, grading, incidentals	672.68
Total	$26,905.81

Receipts from all sources for the Girls' School building amount to about $27,000.

The credit for the speedy and economical erection of these buildings is due to Rev. W. E. Lampe, who had sole charge of the building operations. In his report of the work so well done, he says: "We of the Japan Mission feel grateful to all who, by their contributions or in any other way, have helped us in this grand work."

NEED OF WORKERS.—Delightful as the buildings are, the Japan Mission needs more than buildings; it must have additional workers. The present force is not adequate to meet the demands of the hour. We have come to that point of our work when we must supply men or lose ground already ours. A missionary family ought to be located in Sakata and another in Akita without delay. In fact, the missionaries Faust and Lampe, who have mastered the language, are ready to leave Sendai and occupy these stations as soon as we will send men to take their places in the College. Unless the Board can appoint three new missionaries this fall, we will not be able to hold the vantage won through the blessing of God, the zeal of our missionaries and our own sacrifices in the past. Brethren, we *must* send several missionaries to Sendai *now*. Who will heed the call? Who will help to send them?

KIND OF TEACHERS.—With the large increase of students in the Girls' School, it will be a risk to compel the three ladies to do all the work during the coming year. We should send a lady of exceptional qualifications as teacher for the school. Dr. Schneder urges the appointment of an additional professor of English in North Japan College. They need these men now. It may be a layman—even a capable lady might answer the purpose well — who is willing to make this his life-work. Should our missionary Noss decide to accept the professorship in the Seminary at Lancaster, his place in the faculty at Sendai dare not remain vacant. His withdrawal from the Mission will be a great loss. Let us not discourage the missionaries by delaying to send a strong man for the position. Dr. Schneder says the Tohoku Gakuin is now the largest school in the Church of Christ in Japan. It is a vastly important school for Japan, and if we do not have men in our theological department who can attract stu-

dents and hold their respect, we shall fail in the most vital point of our work.

Bright Prospects.—We turn now to our Mission in China. Wonderful is the story of the unfolding of our work in that vast empire. At Yochow the missionaries have been busy during the past year in the erection of the boys' school, the hospital, the chapel and the missionary residence. The Eastern Synod is pledged to raise $4,000 for the boys' school. This amount is not sufficient for the payment of the additional land and the buildings. The gift of $3,000 from Elder George W. and Agnes Hoffman, of Two Taverns, Adams county, Pa., will be applied towards this building. We should have, at the lowest estimate, $5,000 more to pay for all the buildings at Yochow. Dr. Hoy assures us that he will practice the greatest economy in the erection of these buildings. He says: "It would wonderfully relieve, strengthen and comfort me if the Boys' School Fund, all of it, could soon be in my hands. I want to finish these many building operations, and then study the language. Moreover, we need the new place and the new buildings to do justice to our boys. We have forty students in all. We have some very bright and promising lads. Brother Reimert's Y. M. C. A. is a joy to behold. With such work as a basis, we may expect much." The great need of the boys' school is two teachers. These should be sent out by all means this fall. Dr. William Mann Irvine, of Mercersburg, has kindly promised to contribute $700, in addition to the $800 for Dr. Beam, towards the support of a teacher for the boys' school. Mrs. Hoy, who is home on furlough, pleads very earnestly with the Board to send two lady evangelists to China. During the past year we have elected a missionary trained nurse, Miss Grace R. Whitmore, who is now on the field, and a second medical missionary, Dr. Cyril H. Haas, who expects to sail next July. The Board gratefully acknowledges the help of the women of Mercersburg Classis in providing the outfit money, $300; of the women of the Ohio Synod for the passage money, $400; and of the women of the Eastern Synod for $600, annually for five years towards the support of Miss Whitmore. Rev. S. S. Snyder and family have gone to China, sailing on September 5th. Brother Snyder has been most faithful in his visitations of the churches during his furlough.

He returns to the work in the foreign field with the well-wishes of many friends.

GIFT OF BROTHERS.—Reference was made in the report of last year to the offer of the four Chinamen at Chingshi. Some time ago Dr. Hoy notified the Board that two brothers, Chang Shao U and Chang Shao Chu, have donated to us, for the work in Chingshi, a lot of ground measuring 525 feet by 204 feet. In addition to that, they have also donated $3,000 Mexicans for a high stone and brick wall around the premises. After the completion of the wall the buildings are to be started. A number of men are getting money and materials ready for the buildings. This liberal gift of about $10,000 has only one condition to it—that we furnish two missionaries. Before the completion of the buildings the teachers should be on the field to acquire the language. Can we afford to disappoint these friends? We should immediately appoint these new missionaries. Are there not fifty congregations, societies, or individuals in the Church who would be willing, in addition to their regular contributions for the apportionment, to pledge $100, for five years, towards the support of these additional missionaries? This is the only way possible to increase our missionary force. Amid his great trials, Dr. Hoy exclaims: "Would to God our people could see our situation as it really is. In my present trials let our friends stand by us. God will yet make our enemies glorify his holy name."

DR. KELLY, CHENCHOW.—Surpassing the offer of the friends at Chingshi is the providential opening at Chenchow, about 125 miles distant from Yochow. Rev. William Kelly, M. D., a missionary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, felt it his duty to open a new work at Chenchow, but the board of that Church was not able to enter the field. Without creating the least unfriendliness, he has withdrawn from the board and carries with him the well wishes of his friends. Since Yochow is the nearest station, he applied to Dr. Hoy, stating the terms on which he would unite with our Mission. Our Board was immediately notified, and Dr. Kelly is now one of our missionaries. In this report we cannot enter into details. Suffice it to say that Dr. and Mrs. Kelly are both good linguists, and they will prove a valuable acquisition to our work. They are capable, affable, earnest and devoted. They are full

of sacrifice, and have ever given much to the work. The synods will be pleased to know that the new missionary has made a transfer of his property at Chenchow to our Mission. The compound is about 350 by 450 feet, with a brick wall and stone foundation about eight feet high. The buildings are a residence, a chapel and a dispensary. The property is worth $4,000 (gold). "It is, all in all, one of the finest mission properties in China." We are glad to know that Dr. Kelly is satisfied with his transition, and he writes: "I believe the Lord has led in it all; and so we enter the work with this assurance, which enables us to give a whole-hearted service." We bespeak for Dr. and Mrs. Kelly the sincere confidence and hearty co-operation of the entire Church. Dr. Hoy writes: "Dr. Kelly is worth more to us than money." But it is due this brother to tell the Church that he brings with him, besides his own property, a gift that should stir the hearts of all our people. From a letter of Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, Acting Consul-General at Hankow, to Dr. Hoy, we gather the inspiring information that our China Mission will receive a special grant of $25,000, this money to be used for hospital and school purposes at Chenchow. The following communication will explain itself:

H. B. M. Consulate General,
Hankow, *July 29, 1904.*

Sir: I beg to inform you that H. M. Minister at Peking has notified me that H. M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has sanctioned my proposal that one-half of the Chenchow Indemnity Fund, now in my hands, should be bestowed on the China Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States. This sum is granted for the establishment of a hospital or school in the city of Chenchow Fu, in Hunan. The only conditions attached to the grant are that an account of the administration of the money be furnished to H. M. Government, and that some tablet be put up in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the new buildings, explaining the circumstances of the grant, namely, that this money was exacted by H. M. Government on account of the murder of the two C. I. M. missionaries, not as blood money, but for the ultimate benefit of the people of Hunan by establishing a charitable institution, thus returning good for ill.

I beg to suggest that you devise a suitable Chinese inscription to this effect and submit to me.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. M. H. PLAYFAIR,
Acting Consul-General.

REV. W. E. HOY, Yochow.

FINGER OF GOD.—With all these manifest tokens of the divine favor, will we fail to improve our golden opportunities by not heeding the reasonable demands of our missionaries? May we not accept these special grants as the leadings of Providence, and as a proof that God owns our feeble efforts in the spread of his gospel among the heathen? Should not these gifts constrain all of us to bring liberal offerings for the Lord's work in Japan and China? We plead for 500 special contributions of $100 each before the end of 1904. Who will be the first to lead off? Who will be the last to complete the $125,000 which we need to square our accounts before God and with men?

ANNUITY BOND.—The Board has issued an Annuity Bond, which we believe is a safe, wise and kind investment. This offers an opportunity to the friends of foreign missions who may have it in their hearts to help this sacred cause, but who are dependent upon their incomes as long as they live. The Board binds itself to pay the donors, so long as they shall live, an annuity, in semi-annual payments, the amount of which shall be mutually agreed upon, and specified in the bond. The donor helps the Church, through the Board, to obey the Lord's great command to preach the gospel to every creature. The income is certain. The investment is permanent.

OUR CHILDREN.—Foreign Mission Day has proven a great blessing to many Sunday-schools, and we trust the synods will commend its observance to the congregations and schools. This is one way to impart helpful information and will foster an intelligent interest in the work. Some one has said: "The largest success of the cause of missions is in the hands of the young." If this be true, then we do well to inform our children and infuse into their hearts a love for perishing souls.

HISTORY OF OUR WORK.—There is in press an English and German edition of the "History of the Japan Mission," a

book full of valuable information in regard to the work during the past twenty-five years. We kindly ask all pastors to give this volume the widest possible circulation, for it has permanent value. We hope to have it ready for distribution by October 15th.

FALLEN ASLEEP.—On May 5, 1904, the venerable Dr. S. N. Callender, Secretary Emeritus of the Board, fell asleep in Jesus. Dr. Callender was elected secretary in October, 1890, and continued to perform the duties of his office until January, 1902. He was a faithful servant and did his work well. May he rest in peace.

Praying God's richest blessing to rest upon your deliberations, and craving your sympathy and help in the prosecution of our work, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW,
Secretary.

Philadelphia, September 1, 1904.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts from September 1, 1903-1904.

Synods.	Number of Members.	Amount of Apportionment.	Paid on Apportionment.	Special Contributions.	W. M. S., General Synod.	Receipts all Sources.
Eastern	107,567	$18450 00	$12621 45	$11740 06	.....	$24361 51
Potomac	39,770	7240 00	5427 18	7019 18	.....	12446 36
Pittsburgh	19,800	3375 00	3628 07	1817 90	.....	5445 97
Ohio	25,716	4685 00	2562 82	2409 74	.....	4972 56
Interior	3,335	535 00	592 52	1081 28	.....	1673 80
Central	23,021	4125 00	3601 42	2750 51	.....	6351 93
North West	20,555	3975 00	2523 31	626 83	.....	3150 14
German East	15,116	2625 00	1006 49	747 07	.....	1753 56
W. M. S., General Synod	.....	.....	.....	.....	$8077 30	8077 30
Interest, etc	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1267 01
Total	255,880	$45010 00	$31963 26	$28192 57	$8077 30	$69500 14

The present debt of the Board is $40,000.00.

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Receipts from September 1, 1903-1904

Synods.	General Fund.	North Japan College.	Girls' School Building.	Beneficiaries in Japan.	Boys' School Building, China.	Hoy Memorial Hospital.	Beneficiaries in China.	Christian Endeavor Missionary.	Sunday-School Missionary.	Receipts all Sources.
Eastern	$18588 90	$1959 80	$2251 00	$192 50	$785 71	$102 35	$261 25	$150 00	$70 00	$24361 51
Potomac	6386 11	1278 00	791 63	422 50	3154 77	69 35	216 00	37 00	91 00	12446 36
Pittsburgh	3720 54	913 75	381 99	90 00	128 69	81 00	25 00	20 00	85 00	5445 97
Ohio	3749 75	323 95	156 09	155 50	130 87	97 25	113 50	170 00	76 65	4972 55
Interior	905 84	102 74	416 91	54 77	1 00	182 54	10 00	.....	.....	1673 80
Central	3601 42	946 38	1479 06	150 00	104 66	11 30	25 00	15 00	19 11	6351 93
North West	2523 31	290 85	138 94	88 00	54 04	.....	10 00	15 00	30 00	3150 14
German East	1006 49	298 95	134 62	218 50	10 00	.....	50 00	30 00	5 00	1753 56
W. M. S., General Synod.	*7055 11	69 25	613 54	120 00	27 25	75 65	116 50	.....	.....	8077 30
Interest, etc	1267 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1267 01
Total	$47631 38	$6183 67	$6363 78	$1491 77	$4396 99	$619 44	$827 25	$437 00	$375 76	$69500 14

*Includes:

Outfit, Miss Reifsneider	$300 00
" Miss Whitmore	322 80
China Girls' School	209 30
Trained Nurse	341 00

STATISTICS OF JAPAN MISSION, 1903.

Fields of Work.	Pastors.	Evangelists.	Church Buildings.	Meeting Places.	Members.	Additions.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Native Contributions.	Appropriations by Mission.	Value of Property.
Tokyo	2	3	4	3	371	24	6	169	$201 83	$718 75	$1650 00
Sendai	5	7	4	6	537	107	12	773	631 02	741 59	21000 00
Fukushima	1	5	3	15	505	125	9	542	239 53	1165 58	1025 00
North Miyagi	1	3	2	5	217	33	4	156	117 88	594 00	600 00
South Miyagi	1	3	2	5	189	27	5	179	249 03	522 63	400 00
Yamagata	.....	4	1	11	144	14	5	85	65 51	469 99	1500 00
Akita	1	.....	.....	1	30	19	1	37	47 22	320 65	
Total	11	25	16	46	1993	349	42	1941	$1552 02	$4533 19	$26175 00

V. Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Missions has carefully examined the report of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, the report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions, the report of the Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board and the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, which were referred to us, and submit the following report:

It is gratifying to call your attention to the fact that the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of these Boards. Evidently the work has been placed in able hands, and we bear testimony to the efficient manner in which it has been performed. These men who have been honored by the Church in being placed in their positions are in turn honoring the Church in the faithfulness with which they are fulfilling their obligations. They are wide-awake to the opportunities opening up before them, and do not hesitate to lead the Church into the advanced work. It is to be regretted that the Church has not kept pace with these leaders and failed in giving the full support so essential to all their needs. The activity of both the Home and Foreign Boards is crippled by the need of men and money. More men must be furnished if we are to occupy the places that are ready for our ministry, and more money must be provided to carry on the present and future work.

The Home Board has under its care one hundred and eleven missions. Three missions became self-supporting on April 1, 1904, viz.: Grace Church, Washington, D. C.; Faith Church, Baltimore, Md., and Wichita, Kans. New missions were enrolled at York, Pa.; Edinburg, Ill.; Wilton Junction, Ia.; Pocahontas, Va.; Struthers, Ohio; Oskaloosa, Ia.; Dillonvale, Ohio; Pittsburg, Pa.; Derry, Pa., and West Hazelton, Pa. Three missions are vacant. New work could be assumed without limit if the men and means were given. The condition of the finances are gradually improving, though there is a debt of $2,127.21 on the Board of General Synod, due to the fact that the contributions have been $14,502.10 short of the amount apportioned by General Synod. However, the Bi-Synodic Board reports a balance in the treasury of $4,280.14. The seventeen Hungarian Missions are prospering. There has

been an effort made to unsettle the relation which these missions sustain to our Church, and matters have not as yet been satisfactorily settled. The "Missionary Bulletin" has been doing a commendable and beneficial work. Home Missionary Day has not been a complete success thus far, and deserves the co-operation of all the pastors of the Church. Efforts for Church-building Funds are demanding increased interest among our people. The terms of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and Rev. L. E. Coblentz expire April 1, 1905; and Rev. J. F. Moyer has resigned owing to removal from the Synod.

The Foreign Mission work is making great strides and realizing wonderful opportunities. The work in Japan and China is exceedingly prosperous, and the missionaries are rendering admirable service.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of our Mission in Japan has been fittingly observed in Japan and in some portions of the Church in the United States. It is worthy of wider recognition, with the promise of greater inspiration, one special result of this celebration of the Silver Jubilee year is desired in the erection of the North Japan College building, towards which considerable money has already been contributed. The History of the Japan Mission published by the Board, the best book the Church has ever received concerning our Foreign work, will greatly aid this work if it is given wide circulation. The lack of proper buildings threatened the closing by the government of this College, the largest school to-day in the Church of Christ in Japan. The promise that these buildings would be provided this year alone prevented this calamity. The Church must stand by Dr. Schneder and fulfill this obligation. The completion of the buildings for the Miyagi Girl's School has been speedily and economically accomplished through contributions of $27,000. For our Mission work in Japan the Board needs three missionaries this fall to hold the ground already won, and, in the event of Rev. Christopher Noss accepting the professorship in the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., an able teacher to fill his place in the faculty at Sendai.

More wonderful than all has been the unfolding of the mission work in the great Chinese Empire. At the central station, Yochow, the erection of a boy's school, hospital, chapel and missionary residence has been occupying the attention of

the missionaries. The gift of $3,000 from Elder Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman, of Two Taverns, Adams county, came from this Synod for that cause. The contributions and support of Mercersburg College is especially commendable in the support of Dr. Beam, and the promise of additional money for sending a new teacher for the boys' school. Two lady evangelists are needed in China.

The second station at Chingshi is the result of the gift of $10,000 from four Chinamen on condition that two missionaries be sent to occupy the ground. A third station was providentially opened at Chenchow, in the reception of Rev. Wm. Kelly, M. D., from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Dr. and Mrs. Kelly are both fine linguists and experienced and capable missionaries, and will prove valuable additions to the ranks of our missionaries. At the same time they bring to us the splendid equipment of $30,000, part of which is in the form of a residence, a chapel and a dispensary. Foreign Mission Day is being increasingly observed and proving effective to a larger and more devoted support of the mission work. The Board has at present a debt of $50,000, due to the failure of the churches to pay apportionment in full. To raise this deficiency the Board proposes an emergency fund of 500 special contributions of $100 each, to be secured before the end of 1904. The Board further provides for contributions by Annuity Bonds, to become the possession of the Board at the death of the donors.

In making this report we are deeply conscious of the loss sustained by the Foreign Board in the death of Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary Emeritus of the Board, on May 5, 1904. For almost twelve years he had been identified with this work, and manifested a deep concern and devoted service. We also express our sincere sympathy for Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Superintendent of the General Board of Home Missions, in the sorrow sustained by him in the death of his esteemed and devoted wife.

We present the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. *Resolved,* That we record our deep gratitude to God for his abundant and rich blessings bestowed upon our Home and Foreign Mission work, and our sincere appreciation of the devoted and self-sacrificing work of our missionaries and the

members of the several Boards, as evidenced in the result of their work.

2. *Resolved,* That we pledge ourselves anew to support the work of Missions, and urge Classes to assume and pay all the apportionments for such purposes in full.

3. *Resolved,* That we regard the apportionments as the smallest amount upon which the Boards can accomplish their work and essential to the progress of their work, and that we therefore disapprove of all special efforts that may be made by any classes or charges before these apportionments have been met in full.

4. *Resolved,* That we commend the efforts put forth by the Home Mission Board for Church-building Funds, and ask faithful co-operation in this work by our people.

5. *Resolved,* That we approve of the six cents a member for Church-building, and urge a better response to this cause on the part of Classes and congregations.

6. *Resolved,* That we recognize the special leading and providence of God in the coming into our midst of Dr. and Mrs. William Kelly, and extend the hand of Christian fellowship to them.

7. *Resolved,* That Synod accepts all the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions, and apportions the same upon the different Classes: Home Missions, $12,450; Harbor Missions, $193; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, $1,443; work among the Germans, $930; six cents per member, Church-building; Foreign Missions, $7,240.

8. *Resolved,* That we urge Classes and congregations to support the Foreign Mission Board in the effort to erect buildings for the North Japan College.

9. *Resolved,* That we commend to Classes and congregations the observance of Home and Foreign Missionary Days as set apart by the respective Boards.

10. *Resolved,* That Synod approves of the sending of three missionaries to Japan, together with the filling of the vacancy in the faculty at Sendai in the event of the retirement of Rev. Christopher Noss.

11. *Resolved,* That Synod approves of the sending of six missionaries to China.

12. *Resolved,* That we express our appreciation of the

publication of the History of the Japan Mission, and urge Classes and pastors and consistories to use their influence in the sale of it.

13. *Resolved,* That Synod learns with pleasure of the successful completion of the Miyagi Girls' School, and the fact that it was erected at a cost of over $8,000 below the original estimate, due to the executive ability of Rev. W. E. Lampe.

14. *Resolved,* That Synod shares the sorrow of the Board of Foreign Missions in the death of Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender and of Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., in the death of his esteemed wife.

15. *Resolved,* That Synod recommends to the General Board of Home Missions the re-election of Rev. A. C. Whitmer in April 1, 1905, for the term of three years beginning October 1, 1905.

16. *Resolved,* That the vacancies on the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

17. *Resolved,* That Synod approves of the issuing of Annuity Bonds by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. APPLE.

At an election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. W. Schaeffer, D. D., and L. E. Coblentz were elected members of the Board of Home Missions for four years, and Rev. C. W. Levan for one year.

Members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions, and date of expiration of terms of service: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and L. E. Coblentz, 1908; Rev. C. A. Santee, 1907; Revs. J. David Miller and N. H. Skyles, 1906; Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., and C. W. Levan, 1905.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Chas. M. Wolff, esq., the Treasurer of the Synod, submits the following report, which includes the account of Geo. N. Forney, the former treasurer, to the time of his inability to perform the duties of the office, by reason of sickness:

1903.		DR.	
Oct. 21.	To balance of cash in the hands of the former treasurer at said date		$270.68
	To cash received from the various Classes during the past year, by the former treasurer and the present treasurer, is as follows:		
	GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.		
1904.			
Oct. 21.	For Catawba College, in past year	$78.00	
	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	105.00	
	For Contingent Fund of General Synod	138.00	
	For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	144.00	
	For Science Hall Building, interest on note of $5,000	50.00	
	Total amount		$515.00
	NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.		
1904.			
Oct. 21.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$65.00	
	For Catawba College	90.00	
	For Science Hall Building, interest on note.	25.00	
	Total amount		$180.00
	VIRGINIA CLASSIS.		
1904.			
Oct. 21.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$65.00	
	For Work among the Germans	35.00	
	For Science Hall Building, interest on note.	25.00	
	Total amount		$125.00
	JUNIATA CLASSIS.		
1904.			
Oct. 21.	For Catawba College, in the past year	$145.00	
	For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	157.00	
	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod in full	115.00	
	Total amount		$417.00

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

1904.				
Oct.	21.	For Contingent Fund of the Potomac Synod in the past year	$85.00	
		For Theological Seminary in the past year.	56.00	
		For Catawba College in the past year	74.52	
		For Science Hall Building, interest on the $5,000 note	40.00	
		Total amount		$255.52

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

1904.				
Oct.	21.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$160.00	
		For Catawba College in the past year	429.96	
		For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	131.14	
		Total amount		$721.10

ZION'S CLASSIS.

1904.				
Oct.	21.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$176.46	
		For General Synod Fund	66.32	
		For Catawba College in the past year	10.86	
		For Theological Seminary in the past year.	36.90	
		For Work among the Germans	44.20	
		For Bohemian Church of Chicago	4.80	
		For part payment of arrearages of funds advanced by Synod for said Zion's Classis, on account of Washington Memorial church (on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1903)	76.29	
		Total amount		$415.83

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

1903.				
Dec.	23.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$13.73	
		For Contingent Fund of General Synod	7.45	
		For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	12.55	
		For Catawba College, North Carolina	12.11	
		For Work among the Germans	14.97	
		For interest arrearages to Catawba College.	51.28	
				$112.09
1904.				
Feb.	4.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$4.09	
		For Contingent Fund of General Synod	2.46	
		For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	9.81	

	For Catawba College	14.77	
	For Work among the Germans	6.91	
	For interest due Catawba College, arrearages	43.72	
			$81.76
1904.			
May 13.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$9.04	
	For Contingent Fund of General Synod	5.43	
	For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	6.39	
	For Catawba College	9.55	
	For Work among the Germans	16.32	
			$46.73
1904.			
Oct. 11.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$35.14	
	For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	24.97	
	For Catawba College	18.75	
	For Work among the Germans	2.67	
	For Science Hall Building, interest on $5,000 note	6.83	
			$88.36
	Total amount in the past year		$328.94

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

1904.			
May 6.	From George A. Snyder, for Science Hall Building, on account of interest on $5,000 note	$125.00	
Sept. 23.	From Eliza A. Forney, interest on her note, 5 per cent., taken for synodical cash by former treasurer	6.05	
	Total amount		$131.05
	Total received from all sources to October 21, 1904		$3,360.12

The treasurer claims credit for the following disbursements made by the former treasurer and himself, and allowance for the past year, viz.:

1903.		
Oct. 16.	By cash paid to Dr. Barkley and J. W. Pontius for expenses in attending the meeting of Board of Trustees	$3.10
Nov. 4.	By cash paid to J. W. Pontius for interest, six months, on the Science Hall Building note of $5,000	125.00
Nov. 26.	By cash paid to Rev. W. B. Duttera, for the use of the church at Salisbury, N. C., for the Potomac Synod	26 25

Nov. 26.	By cash paid to Rev. J. W. Pontius, for interest on note for one year, Washington Memorial church debt	28.86
Dec. 5.	By cash paid to Rev. J. M. Schick, for expenses to Salisbury, N. C.	16.05
1904.		
Feb. 6.	By cash paid to W. R. Barnhart, treasurer of General Synod, and Myers & Wirt for treasurer's bond.	325.00
Feb. 12.	By cash paid to Publication Board for printing minutes of the last meeting of Potomac Synod	204.75
Mar. 23.	By cash paid to Rev. Lewis Robb, for expenses of attending meeting of Board of Visitors, Lancaster.	5.50
Apr. 9.	By cash paid to Rev. J. S. Kieffer, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster	3.75
Apr. 20.	By cash paid to Rev. E. R. Deatrick, for clerk's bill and expenses, including his salary, etc.	115.25
Apr. 27.	By cash paid to J. H. Webber, for interest due on the Brechbill legacy, to April 1, 1904	12.00
May 5.	By cash paid to Rev. John W. Pontius, for interest, six months, on the promissory note of $5,000, for Science Hall Building	125.00
May 10.	By cash paid to Revs. Dr. Eschbach and Lewis Robb, for attending the meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster	14.00
May 13.	By cash paid to Rev. J. S. Kieffer, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster	3.75
July 16.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, for Catawba College	495.77
June 27.	By cash from Eliza A. Forney's promissory note, at 5 per cent.	500.00
Sept. 1.	By cash paid to J. David Miller, for expenses of the Board of Education	16.47
Sept. 23.	By cash paid to C. M. Wolff, Esq., for entry fees in renewing Long's judgment, printing blanks for treasurer and postage for use of said treasurer	8.45
Sept. 23.	By cash paid to Revs. J. W. Pontius and T. J. Barkley for attending meeting of Board of Trustees (expenses)	6.50
Sept. 24.	By cash paid to J. B. Roth, treasurer of Seminary Aid Fund, on account of the said Theological Seminary	300.00
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to Revs. John W. Pontius and T. J. Barkley, expenses in attending meeting of Board of Trustees	3.60
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to Curtis A. Brillhart, for services as expert bookkeeper and auditor	16.65
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to John J. Nissley, treasurer of "Work among the Germans," for balance on former treasurer's books	72.40

Oct. 17.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, treasurer of Catawba College, N. C., for balance as shown on Mr. Forney's books	362.00
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to W. R. Barnhart, treasurer of General Synod, for balance as shown on Mr. Forney's books	160.20
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to John B. Roth, treasurer, Theological Seminary Aid Fund	200.00
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to treasurer of the "Fellowship Fund," as shown by former treasurer's books	14.33
Oct. 20.	By cash paid to treasurer of the Bohemian Church of Chicago, as appears on Mr. Forney's books	4.80
Oct. 21.	By cash paid for salary allowances to the former treasurer and present treasurer	100.00
Oct. 21.	Balance on hand at this date	275.11

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. M. WOLFF,
Treasurer Potomac Synod.

NOTE.—The payment to W. R. Barnhart, treasurer, of $300, and a few others, is shown by checks properly endorsed, as the vouchers have been lost or mislaid and cannot be found among the former treasurer's papers.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to open accounts with the several Classes for the apportionments for Catawba College interest, and for the Science Building debt.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following as its report:

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, giving receipts and disbursements for the year, was audited and found correct.

The following amounts have been referred to us for apportionment:

Home Missions	$12,450.00
Foreign Missions	7,240.00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	1,443.00
Work among Germans	930.00
The Harbor Mission	193.00

Theological Seminary	3,250.00
Contingent	760.00
Beneficiary Education	2,500.00
Catawba College	800.00
Woman's College	800.00
Interest and principal of Science Building debt	1,250.00
Church Building	6 cents per member.

The following arrearages are noted:

Contingent Fund, General Synod—	
Mercersburg Classis	$30.00
Carlisle Classis	14.66
Virginia Classis	35.00
Contingent Fund, Potomac Synod—	
Carlisle Classis	14.99
Theological Seminary—	
Maryland Classis	77.86
Zion Classis	95.10
Mercersburg Classis	57.00
Carlisle Classis	43.28
Virginia Classis	97.00
North Carolina Classis	101.00
Catawba College—	
Gettysburg Classis	67.00
Zion Classis	109.14
Mercersburg Classis	10.48
Carlisle Classis	4.82
Virginia Classis	60.00
Interest, Science Building and $5,000 note—	
Maryland Classis	75.00
Juniata Classis	60.00
Zion Classis	45.00
Carlisle Classis	23.17

TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS.

Classes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among the Germans.	Harbor Missions.	Theological Seminary.	Contingent.	Beneficiary Education.	Catawba College.	Woman's College.	Science Building and Interest.*	Total.
Maryland.....	$3500	$2000	$332	$260	$40	$648	$160	$570	$183	$193	$285	$8171
Gettysburg	1900	1100	212	155	31	446	105	480	133	138	240	4940
Juniata.....	2000	1130	220	155	31	486	115	480	133	138	240	5128
Zion's	1425	910	183	135	30	409	95	265	108	108	132	3800
Mercersburg	1300	700	170	105	24	349	85	265	73	73	133	3277
Carlisle.....	925	500	112	48	12	300	70	160	48	48	80	2303
Virginia	700	400	102	35	11	300	65	120	48	48	60	1889
N. Carolina	700	500	117	37	14	312	65	160	78	58	80	2121
	$12450	$7240	$1448	$930	$193	$3250	$760	$2500	$804	$804	$1250	$31629

*$1000 on the debt yet owed by Synod. *$250 interest.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Santee.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees respectfully offers the following report, to wit:

The Board held four meetings at Hanover, Pa., since the last annual meeting of Synod. The first was held on January 1, 1904. At this meeting the Board organized by electing the Rev. John W. Pontius, President, and the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley, Vice-president and Secretary. The Treasurer of Synod is the Treasurer of the Board.

The President reported that he had received from the Treasurer of Synod, on November 3d, 1903, $125, and November 10th, 1903, $28.86—total $153.86; that he paid on November 10th, 1903, $125 interest on Science Building note of $5,000, and $7.21 for renewal of Washington Memorial Church note of $577.43, leaving a balance in his hands of $21.65.

The Treasurer reported that his bond for ten thousand dollars had been renewed in the Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore. The bond was approved, and placed in the custody of the President of the Board.

The second meeting was made necessary by the death of Treasurer George N. Forney, and was held on the 29th day of August, 1904. At this meeting Mr. Robert M. Wirt, representing the executrix of the estate of George N. Forney, and at her request, had taken charge of the property of the Board, passed over into the hands of the Board the books, papers, securities and money in bank which had been in the custody of the late Treasurer. The Board then, as authorized by the charter, elected Charles M. Wolff, Esq., of Hanover, Pa., to serve as Treasurer for the unexpired term of George N. Forney, and placed the aforesaid books, papers, securities and money in bank, in his custody, he giving his receipt to Robert M. Wirt for the same. The Treasurer was instructed to secure a transfer to himself of Mr. Forney's bond, and if that could not be done, to give a new bond for $10,000.

At this meeting the Board adopted and ordered to be placed upon its record, a suitable minute touching the faithful, careful and conscientious management of the financial interests of the Board and of the Synod, by the late Treasurer.

The third meeting was held on the 23d day of September,

1904, the business claiming attention being the adjustment of the accounts of the late Treasurer.

In order to facilitate the work, two disinterested auditors—J. C. Tanger and Paul Winebrenner—were appointed to examine the accounts. These gentlemen subsequently reported that time for only a hasty examination had been at their command, and therefore a satisfactory statement could not be made.

The Board then instructed the Treasurer to employ an accountant, with instruction to present a detailed statement at the annual meeting in October.

The annual meeting was held on the 17th day of October, 1904. At this meeting the Board audited the Seminary endownment securities and found them in good condition.

There are in the hands of the Treasurer notes, bonds and mortgages amounting to thirty-three thousand, eight dollars and thirteen cents ($33,008.13), at the same average rate of interest reported last year, namely, 4⅞%, and yielding the same income, namely sixteen hundred, eight dollars and forty-three cents ($1,608.43).

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, with accrued interest, amounts to nineteen hundred sixty-three dollars ninety-six cents ($1,963.96).

The committee to audit the former Treasurer's accounts presented its report, the name of Curtis A. Brillhart having been substituted for that of Paul Winebrenner. The report was examined and approved, and ordered to be laid before Synod with the annual report.

The Board sends up the following requests for consideration and action:

(1). That Synod authorize and instruct the Board of Trustees to audit annually the Treasurer's accounts, and submit the report of such audit with the annual report to Synod.

(2). That the Board respectfully request Synod to have the charter amended by striking out the following clause in section 6: "But the same person may not be re-elected until after he shall have ceased to be a member of said Board or corporation for at least one year."

Mr. Robert M. Wirt, the representative of the estate of George M. Forney, the former Treasurer, having waived all claims against the Board, and the Board all claims against the said estate, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

That the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, after a full examination of the accounts of the former Treasurer, George N. Forney, hereby certify that the said accounts are satisfactory.

The Board submits the name of Charles M. Wolff, Esq., of Hanover, Pa., for election as Treasurer of Synod.

In compliance with the requirements of the charter, Synod at this meeting should elect a member to fill the unexpired term of three years of George N. Forney, deceased, from January 1st, 1905.

The term of office of the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley will expire December 31st, 1904, and his successor to serve for five years, from January 1st, 1905, should be elected at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *President.*

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary.*

Gettysburg, Pa., October 22, 1904.

The Trustees were instructed to apply to the Maryland Legislature for the proposed change in the charter.

Elder J. D. Zehring and Rev. J. S. Hartman were duly elected members of the Board of Trustees, the former to serve for the term of five years, from January 1, 1905, and Mr. Hartman to fill the unexpired term of George N. Forney, deceased.

Members of the Board of Trustees and Terms of Service: Elder J. D. Zehring, January 1, 1910; Elder C. M. Wolff, January 1, 1909; Rev. J. S. Hartman, January 1, 1908; Elder J. H. Schriver, January 1, 1907; Rev. J. W. Pontius, January 1, 1906.

The attention of the Classes delinquent on the Washington Memorial Church was called to their delinquency, and they were requested to pay as soon as possible.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report. It was received, read and adopted.

Report of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church to the District Synods.

TO THE DISTRICT SYNODS:

Dear Brethren: With grateful hearts we report a year of steady growth in the work of the Sunday-School Board.

I. THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The most important fact of interest in this department was the issue, January 1, of a Hungarian-English Sunday-school Lesson Help, published monthly. This should be the beginning of a great work. Our Hungarian brethren are pleading for help to train their church members and young people to the idea of American Christianity. The Board has aided in the establishment of several Hungarian-English Sunday-schools, but the experience of other churches and the investigation of our Board indicates the necessity of a colportage plan. The colporteur among the immigrants is a missionary of patriotism; his presence, his words and his literature all tend to promote a better understanding of the American spirit and the development of the American type of character.

Since the principal work of this Board is among children—plastic citizens of to-morrow—it is evident that all its influences are calculated to promote a higher and finer type of national character. As the youth of to-day is moulded, the State and the Church of to-morrow will be. Real patriotism, therefore, is expressed by the Sunday-school Board's form of missionary endeavor, both in furnishing literature to our brethren who come from abroad and in aiding pastors and workers to establish new schools. It is a profound principle, accepted by all Christians, that the best way to make our nation great is to make its people good, so "For God and Native Land" may be truly inscribed upon the offerings of our schools, made to the Sunday-school and Missionary Departments.

A full report of the offerings and the work done will be made at the approaching meeting of the General Synod, but

in passing it is gratifying to note that the offerings from our schools in this important work are increasing, a larger number of schools giving to this cause year by year.

II. THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

The following is a report of the Business Department for the year ending March 31, 1904:

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets.

Cash on hand		$3,412.96	
Accounts receivable		12,824.22	
Mdse., Philadelphia	$10,814.95		
Less 10 per cent	1,081.50		
		$9,733.45	
Stock of paper for periodicals		803.44	
Cash paid in advance on periodicals (2d quar.)		1,755.76	
Furniture and fixtures, total cost (charged off)	$2,113.84		
Plates, engravings, etc.:			
Last year	$814.51		
New plates	301.85		
	$1,116.36		
Less one-third for depreciation	372.12		
		$744.24	
			$29,274.07

Liabilities.

Capital, April 1, 1903	$22,139.32	
Periodicals paid for 2d, 3d and 4th quarter, 1904, not supplied	3,502.23	
Accounts payable	328.96	
Royalty due Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows on sale of Sunday-school Hymnals	150.00	
		$26,120.51
Net gain		$3,153.56

The total sales of the Business Department for the year were $64,028.96, a healthy gain in the volume of business over the preceding year.

The Board expresses its gratification over the fact that its schools and young people's societies are learning to purchase all the material they need from the Sunday-school Board.

As in other years, $600.00 have been appropriated from the earnings of the Business Department to the work of the

Sunday-school missions. The balance was applied to the capital account in order to meet the growing necessities of the business.

Among the new publications just issued are Standard Selections for Easter, Children's Day, Rally Day, Harvest Home and Christmas, edited by the secretary, and a muslin Wall Chart—Books of the Bible—intended as a supplemental lesson help. A new song book for Sunday-schools and young people's societies, entitled "Standard Songs," is in press. This is published to meet the demands of those schools wishing a smaller and less expensive book than the Sunday-school Hymnal, and one that can be especially used for young people's meetings.

Perhaps the most important publication has been the issue of the first volume of the Sunday-school Teacher Training Course. This book is the joint production of the Presbyterian Church, North and South, the Cumberland Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, and Canadian Presbyterian, and our Reformed Church. Each section has been prepared by a specialist, and the denominational issue of Volume 2 of the Course will give important lessons relating to the history, benevolent and missionary work of our Reformed Church. The price of the book is 25 cents per copy.

It is the purpose of this Teacher Training Course to give fundamental Bible facts and to point out the fundamental laws and processes by which power and insight, as well as mere knowledge, may arise in the human mind, and to apply this pedagogic guidance to the teachers in the Sunday-school.

Improvement in our Sunday-schools waits on the teachers. Improvement of teachers waits on the pastor and the superintendent and upon the unceasing efforts of the Church at large. We, therefore, trust your reverend body will give due consideration to this subject, and, through the classes, recommend the establishment of a teacher-training class in every Sunday-school.

Another important feature of Sunday-school work which has had encouraging growth and emphasis in the last year is the Beginners' Class, with its special course of lessons, covering a period of two years. The Board has arranged to give "Teaching Hints for Teachers of the Beginners' Course" in

the columns of the Heidelberg Teacher. Appropriate picture cards for the little ones have been issued. The beginners—children from the age of three to six—should be placed in a separate class, with separate course of lessons, and, where possible, in a separate room, with their own opening and closing exercises. We trust Synod will call the attention of the classes to this method of nurture and instruction of the little ones.

We are glad to note an unusual interest in the organization of the Cradle Roll and of the Home Department of the Sunday-school. These features indicate that our churches, and those in authority, are appreciating increasingly the covenant idea of our holy religion, and the necessity, accordingly, of the educational methods which will link the parents and the teacher together in moulding, guiding and inspiring the children and youth of the Church.

Praying the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon your deliberations, and asking a continuance of the hearty co-operation of the Synod and classes in the better utilization of the splendid possibilities of the Sunday-school as the teaching department of the Church, this report is respectfully submitted.

C. Clever, *President.*

Rufus W. Miller, *Secretary.*

October 1, 1904.

Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools begs leave to submit the following report:

This committee has received and considered the report of Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church and the statistics of the Classes of Potomac Synod.

The report of the Sunday-school Board is encouraging and noteworthy in its indications of progress. The Board is to be specially commended for its publication of the Hungarian-English Sunday-school Lesson Help and Sunday-school Teacher Training Course. It is gratifying to know that the publications of the Board are gaining an ever-increasing circulation in the Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church, as well as in those of other denominations.

It is to be regretted that the classical Sunday-school reports are for the most part so incomplete. Some important information is not given in full, especially regarding the baptized and communicant membership of the Sunday-school. These statistics have been unreliable for some years, so that it is impossible to make deductions from them.

There appears to be a decrease in the total number of schools, scholars and receipts.

Were the reports accurate and complete, this would hardly prove to be the case, for such a backward movement is inconceivable in this day of increasing knowledge of Sunday-school work and interest in it. During the past few years, a more intelligent interest has been shown in this work as a necessary department of religious activity than ever before. Better helps are being published; more appliances are being perfected; and more departments of work have been developed.

At the same time it is true that religion is not receiving proper attention in the home, and the fact needs to be emphasized that superintendents and teachers are only assistants to parents in the great work of Christian nurture. In this connection, the Cradle Roll is of value in holding before the parents the relation that the youngest child bears to the kingdom of God. The Home Department should also be promoted because it brings the definite instruction of the Sunday-school into the home, for the benefit of the shut-ins and stay-at-homes.

In the evolution of the Sunday-school, it is becoming more of a school. The present interest and activity shown in the proper instruction of the children is an indication of progress in this direction.

In view of the above conditions, be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge the leading of God in the Sunday-school operations of our Synod, and express our profound thanks to the great Shepherd of the Church for his goodness and guidance and pray for his continuous help.

Resolved, That the Synod urge the following items upon the attention of the respective Classes:

1. That pastors and consistories carefully consider the needs of the Sunday-school, especially the business end of it; and that they make it their special duty to present full and

complete statistical reports in order that the progress and condition of the Sunday-schools may be thoroughly known by the Synod.

2. That the Cradle Roll be recommended as a link to unite the youngest child with the Sunday-school, and as of special importance in home missionary work.

3. That the use of the Beginner's Course be urged, as a forward step in the application of pedagogical principles to the instruction of the Sunday-school.

4. That the value of the Home Department be emphasized as an aid in the development of home Bible study, and that pastors and superintendents be advised to organize this department in their Sunday-schools.

5. That the Teacher Training Course be recommended for the instruction of those who are to care for the spiritual education of the children, and that the pastor be responsible for this instruction.

Signed,

ROBERT J. PILGRAM.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

	Classes.								
	Zion's.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	Maryland.	Mercersburg.	Gettysburg.	Juniata.	Carlisle.	Totals.
Sunday-schools	33	28	46	59	17	29	41	20	273
Officers and Teachers	590	313	367	1,132	296	444	613	323	3,078
Scholars	6,016	1,930	3,809	6,726	1,996	3,416	4,498	2,168	30,559
Home Department	100	.....	146	481	.....	.....	135	172	1,034
Total Membership	6,706	2,243	4,063	8,339	2,292	3,860	5,246	2,663	35,671
Average Attendance	3,537	1,311	1,310	3,527	747	1,583	2,823	1,532	16,370
Ref'd Mem. in Union S. S	1,260	60	.....	818	248	204	137	.....	2,727
Church Mem. in S. S	622	530	828	2,351	606	847	1,709	1,276	8,769
Baptized Scholars	503	493	319	2,432	530	1,108	2,218	805	8,408
Scholars Confirmed	200	57	112	291	97	183	187	77	1,204
Volumes in Libraries	4,423	1,825	571	9,273	2,842	2,885	2,768	1,313	25,900
Paid to Gen. S. S. Board	$40 00	$51 00	$64 00	$172 45	$36 00	$130 00	$108 00	$77 00	$678 00
Paid to Other Boards	276 00	107 00	104 00	1847 34	383 00	674 00	554 00	351 00	4296 00
Paid to Other Objects	204 00	367 00	137 00	787 09	125 00	350 00	645 00	224 00	2839 00
Sunday-school Support	1777 00	736 00	865 00	4402 22	1169 00	1160 00	2041 00	1279 00	13429 00
Total Disbursements	$2297 00	$1261 00	$1170 00	$7209 10	$1713 00	$2314 00	$3348 00	$1931 00	$21243 00

The statistics of the Classes of Zion, Virginia, North Carolina and Gettysburg are incomplete.—Chairman of Committee.

Rev. Frank L. Kerr was duly elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for a period of five years.

Members of Sunday-school Board, and date of expiration of term of service: Revs. Frank L. Kerr, 1909; P. A. DeLong, 1908; W. C. Schaeffer, 1907; C. A. Santee, 1906; H. H. Apple, 1905.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The ratio of representation adopted by the Synod at the last annual meeting, and sent down to the Classes for their concurrence or non-concurrence, was concurred in by the constitutional number of the Classes, as seen from item 8 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, and was duly declared adopted by the President of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 19, of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of $204.75.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

Report of Board of Publication.

TO THE EASTERN, PITTSBURGH AND POTOMAC SYNODS:

Dear Brethren: Your Board of Publication hereby submits to your reverend bodies its annual report for your consideration. According to its established rule, the Board held two regular meetings during the year, the one on the first Wednesday in March and the other on the first Wednesday in Sep-

tember. The business and condition of the institution which your Board represents will appear in the financial statement herewith submitted. It will be noticed that this statement presents the condition of the business at the close of the year on June 30, 1904.

In regard to the losses and gains as they appear in the statement the manager says: "We have earned in the book department almost $300 less than last year, though there has been steady growth in the regular run of business. Last year's profits were exceptional, because of the unusual sale of the Expositor's Bible, netting us from $700 to $800 clear profit. The 'Messenger's' loss is nearly $400 less than last year." We are glad to be able again to report that the business in the book department is in a prosperous condition and that the future is promising, for the reason especially that after November 1st, this year, your Board will publish the Hymnal and Directory, which will enable the management to gain more profit from the sale of these books. Though the making of new plates for the Hymnal and the getting out of the books will involve the Board in considerable expense for the present, it is, however, expected that the profits on the sale of the works will, during the next few years, reimburse the Board for the present outlay. We ask for the continued and increased patronage of the book department by the ministers and people of the synods. In regard to the "Messenger," it affords us pleasure to report less loss in its publication. Nevertheless, the deficit is still too large. It ought to be gradually and rapidly reduced until the paper has become self-sustaining. The cause for the loss in this department, as can easily be understood, lies in the low price, $1.25 per year, at which the "Messenger" is furnished to its subscribers. The character of the Church paper dare not be lowered, and therefore the remedy for this abnormal condition must be found in a largely increased circulation. The subscription list has been growing, but it is not yet nearly as large as it ought to be. At the low price for which the paper is furnished the management cannot afford to pay commission to agents for securing new subscribers. We, therefore, request the synods to lay upon the minds and hearts of pastors the necessity of interesting themselves in the increased circulation of the "Messenger" among their people. The Board, by resolution passed

at its meeting of March 9, 1904, overtures the synods "to set apart the last Sunday in January annually as Church Literature Day, with special reference to the circulation of the 'Messenger.'" You will notice by the financial statement that the offerings received on last Messenger Day amounted to $107.52; it is to be hoped that these offerings will increase from year to year.

The "Review" was again published at a loss. This ought not to be. It ought to be made to pay for itself. As Dr. William Rupp, the leading editor, had died, it was necessary that new arrangements be made for editing this publication. The Board accordingly took the following action:

"*Resolved*, That Prof. George W. Richards, D. D., be appointed editor-in-chief of the Reformed "Church Review," with instructions to select such associate editors as in his judgment may seem advisable, said associate editors to be chosen with the view of having the institutions and Church in general represented."

The purpose of this action is to popularize the "Review" and to gain for it a larger circle of interested readers and supporters. We request that each synod, this year, ascertain how many of its members are subscribers to the "Review" and how many are not, and report the result to the Publication Board.

At the meeting of the Board in March last Mr. Francis E. Heller, constrained by increasing ill health, tendered his resignation as business manager of the Board, said resignation to take effect not later than the first of September. His resignation was "reluctantly accepted," and a committee was appointed to secure a suitable successor. Up to date no manager has been chosen, but temporary arrangements have been made for the conduct of the business until a permanent manager has been secured. The last report of the retiring manager submitted to the Board contains the following statement:

"My greatest pleasure in retiring from the management of your business lies in the fact that, as a result of almost five years spent in your service, I am able to leave you with an annual book trade more than trebled, and showing many customers and friends added, and with the promise of still greater increase, and a subscription list to the 'Messenger' numbering almost seven thousand more paid-in-advance subscriptions

than I found when I came. During the last six months we have printed and circulated 262,866 copies of the "Messenger"; multiply this by 24, the regular number of pages, and you have 6,309,264 pages of religious and denominational news distributed. The rendering of such service is delightful. * * * The freedom from all complications enjoyed to-day in our present comfortable quarters, the being independent of the Religious Press Association and certain one-time printers for the Publication Board, the systematized office departments, and many other present good things, all have cost their price and can best be appreciated by those who helped to pay for them."

The accounts of the manager were duly audited at the close of the year, and he was instructed to prepare the accompanying statement, to which reference has already been made. In regard to this statement the manager says: "It has been the earnest desire of the retiring manager to submit to you, at this time, and to hand over to the incoming manager a thoroughly clean balance sheet, one of which no item needs to be discounted." In carrying out this purpose some items heretofore included in the account of resources have been dropped and others reduced. This accounts for the fact that the net capital reported this year is $3,704 less than last. The capital as given this year is $20,692.05, and the net gain at the close of the year was $844.61. We believe that the statement submitted is a safe and reliable representation of your publication plant.

STATEMENT.

The following is the statement of the entire business of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church, as shown by the combined reports of Jas. T. Reber, treasurer, and Francis E. Heller, business manager, for the year ending June 30, 1904:

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Cash	$2,285.82	
Cash invested bonds and mortgages	5,000.00	
Accounts receivable Book Department	3,033.92	
Accounts receivable advertising	456.03	
Merchandise Book Department	8,021.67	
Merchandise "Messenger"	397.54	
Furniture and fixtures	1,247.07	
Rent paid in advance	250.00	
		$20,692.05

LIABILITIES.

None			
Net capital, June 30, 1904		$20,692.05	
			$20,692 05

LOSSES AND GAINS.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Inventory July 1, 1904	$8,021.67		
Credits for year	22,799.80		
		$30,821.47	
Inventory July 1, 1903	$9,581.80		
Debits for year	19,090.19		
		$28,671.99	
			$2,149.48
Interest on investments			170.00
Royalty from Sunday-school Board			750.00

MESSENGER.

Inventory July 1, 1903	$540.34		
Debits for year	22,339.25		
		$22,879.59	
Inventory July 1, 1904	$397.54		
Credits for year	20,503.02		
		$20,900.56	
			$1,979.03

REVIEW.

Debits		$1,101.21	
Credits		1,058.00	
			$43.21

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory July 1, 1903	$1,422.15		
Debits	117.77		
		$1,539.92	
Inventory July 1, 1904	$1,247.07		
Credits	200.62		
		$1,447.69	
			$92.23
Expenses of Board meetings and committees and printing of reports			110.40
Net gain			844.61
		$3,069.48	$3,069.48

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented its report during the session of Saturday afternoon. It was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Board of Publication would report that we have carefully examined the report of the Board of Publication, and from it learn that the publication interests of Synod are in a healthy and prosperous condition. We offer the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved,* That we commend the careful and efficient management of the Board and its business manager.

2. *Resolved,* That we urge upon pastors and people a continued and fuller patronage of the Book Store for the support of this department of the Board's work, which will at the same time promote our own advantage.

3. *Resolved,* That we heartily commend the "Messenger" as a paper adapted to the development of individual character; to the promotion of the educational, missionary and other necessary enterprises of the Church, and that therefore we urge upon our Classes, and through them upon our pastors and consistories, the importance of largely increasing its circulation.

4. *Resolved,* That our Classes be directed to ascertain the number of subscribers to the "Messenger" and "The Quarterly Review," in circulation in our several pastoral charges.

5. *Resolved,* That the last Sunday of January in each year be "Church Literature Day," with special reference to the circulation of the "Messenger."

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Eschbach.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Members of the Board of Publication and dates of expiration of the terms of service.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, 1907; W. Rush Gillan, 1906.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. The election

was made the order of the day for 2.00 o'clock on Monday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held. Elders E. Cornman, E. S. Everhart, M. W. Bahn, and W. S. Kefauver acted as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home and Sunday-school Board.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report as follows:

The only documents placed in the hands of your Committee were the reports of Brother W. F. More, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, and of Brother D. H. Leader, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and the forty-first annual report of Bethany Orphan Home.

An examination of these documents reveals conditions in these institutions during the past year, and, at the present time, that are highly satisfactory and gratifying. The financial support of Bethany Orphan Home was sufficient for all the needs of the year, and we are glad to report that the annual deficit of recent years has been overcome, for the present, at least, with a small surplus on hand for the ensuing year. St. Paul's Orphan Home also reports a very liberal support during the year, the total contributions amounting to almost $20,000, enabling the Board to meet all current expenses, make necessary repairs and improvements, and to pay about one-half of the indebtedness.

Bethany Orphan Home reports an enrollment of 129 for the past year, and 10 recent admissions, making a total of 139, of which number 13 boys and 8 girls are from within the bounds of this Synod. The number enrolled at St. Paul's Orphan Home during the past year was 105, the present number being 64; of these 17 are from within the bounds of this Synod.

During the year there has been a change in the Superintendency of each of the Homes, Brother T. M. Yundt, of Bethany, and Brother P. C. Prugh having tendered their resignations. The same were reluctantly accepted, and the vacancies thus made were filled by the appointment of Brother W. F. More to the Superintendency of Bethany Orphan Home, and Brother D. H. Leader to the Superintendency of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Thus the work has been greatly blessed, is now in a prosperous condition, and presents an outlook that is cheering and encouraging. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our gratitude to our heavenly Father for his abundant mercies manifested toward these institutions during the past year, by which all their necessities have been met and many comforts provided. In a marvelous way God has been in the midst of this ministry of our Church to the needy and the destitute.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the efficient services of Brother Yundt as Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, and Brother Prugh as Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and that we regretfully note their resignations from these offices, and invoke the Lord's blessing upon their further labors in the Master's service.

Resolved, That we commend the excellent spirit and energy which Brother More and Brother Leader have already displayed in their care of the Homes, and that we assure these brethren of our cheerful support and co-operation in their labors of love and peace.

Resolved, That we commend these institutions to the continued support, fostering love and care of the Church, through the Classes.

Resolved, That liberal Christmas offerings be made and devoted to Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WALTMAN, *Chairman.*

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The following statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was presented to Synod by the Treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller. It was referred to a committee, Revs. A. P. Frantz, H. W. Wissler, and Elder G. W. Hoffman.

They presented their report on Monday. It was received, read and adopted, and is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren: As treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year ending September 30th, 1904:

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	$245.49
Juniata Classis	84.12
Gettysburg Classis	77.54
Zion's Classis	63.25
Carlisle Classis	43.27
Mercersburg Classis	20.00
North Carolina Classis	10.73
Total	$544.40

EXPENDITURES.

Virginia Classis, two annuitants	$125.00
Carlisle Classis, one annuitant	100.00
Juniata Classis, one annuitant	50.00
Gettysburg Classis, one annuitant	50.00
Maryland Classis, one annuitant	50.00
Total	$375.00

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year ending September 30th, 1904:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury October 1, 1903	$4,064.70
Cash from loans paid	13,420.00
Cash from Joshua Brunner estate	4,171.73
Cash from interest on investments	2,947.72
Cash from collections in the churches	2,715.53
Cash from individual gifts	161.50
Cash from royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal	150.00
Cash from Pittsburgh Synod (special)	300.00
Total	$27,931.18

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for re-investment		$13,420.00
Paid for new investment—		
Joshua Brunner bequest	$4,171.73	
Life memberships	2,210.00	
Cash	348.27	
		$6,730.00
Paid to sixty-one annuitants		4,002.22
Paid for treasurer's salary and bond		610.00
Paid for traveling expenses of treasurer		100.49
Paid for stationery and postage		19.86
Paid for Executive Board		2.76
Cash in treasury September 30th, 1904		3,045.85
Total		$27,931.18

ASSETS.

Invested fund	$65,825.00
Cash in treasury	3,045.85
	$68,870.85

The following ministers have become life-members during the year:

Revs. J. G. Kerschner, Frederick Maurer, Wenzel Walenta, John Bachman, D. D., Frederick Schaad, A. E. Schade, Ph. D., Mabry L. Herbein, Daniel E. Schaeffer, Casper Brunner, Charles A. Bushong, Aaron M. Gluck, Preston A. DeLong, John D. Hicks, Albert F. Nace, Charles B. Rebert, Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Nathan C. Schaeffer, D. D., James N. Bachman, Hugo Eickelberg, George F. Mull, Richard C. Schiedt, Ph. D., Gustavus Dolch, D. D., John Knierim, Edward S. Bromer, Franklin H. Ruloff, John E. Terborg, William H. Shults, Oliver P. Foust, Henry Nau, Tilghman R. Deitz, R. Franklin Main, James Heffley, Wm. E. Hoy, and Charles S. Wieand.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. J. David Miller, President, Everett, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Assessor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Assessor, Jefferson, Md.

Attention is called to the noble cause the Society represents,

in the hope that your reverend body will continue to make provision for the needy ministers and the widows of ministers by directing the Classes to give opportunity to the several congregations to contribute to this benevolent work.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER,
Treasurer and Solicitor.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Fathers and Brethren: Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, begs leave to report the following:

It is with great pleasure that the Synod learns of the steady growth of this Society, and the liberal support given, and of the good which, under the blessing of our heavenly Father, it is accomplishing.

Resolved, That this Synod commends this worthy cause to the prayers and liberality of the members of the Church within the bounds of the Synod, and urges the Classes to ask the pastors to present the cause to the people at least once a year for liberal offerings for the needy ministers and their widows.

A. P. FRANTZ.

Deaconess' Home.

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home presented their annual report. It was read and then referred to a special committee, Revs. J. M. Schick, D. D., C. A. Santee, and Elder J. Gassman. Subsequently they presented their report. It was received, read, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Board.

YORK, PA., OCTOBER 20TH, 1904.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: In presenting this annual report to your body, the Managers of the Deaconess Home are deeply conscious of the fact that they have not measured up to your expectations nor complied with the recommendation of Synod. This is not due in any sense to a lack of interest or desire to comply with your wishes on the part of the Board, but to circumstances over which we had no control.

Your recommendations met with the hearty approval of the

Board, and plans were laid by which they might be carried out. We outlined methods for the inauguration of the work. A printed letter stating the purposes of the Board was sent to each minister of Synod giving such information and requesting co-operation. But few replies were received to this circular. Nevertheless the Board had applications from a number of persons who desired to enter upon the Deaconess work; had found a Deaconess competent and willing to assume the position of Mother Deaconess; and had assurance of considerable local financial aid for the purchase or erection of a building. At this juncture there began to appear among some Reformed people of York and vicinity a prejudice against the movement. This prejudice grew out of an antagonism to certian work for the extension of the Reformed Church in York in which several pastors and consistories had engaged, some of whom were members of this Board, in establishing Sunday-schools and afterward congregations in East York and West York. This then developed into opposition to any and all work in which these persons were concerned. It was plainly seen in an action of the Classis of Zion at the annual meeting last May refusing both moral and financial support to the proposed Deaconess work. It then became evident to the members of the Board that, under these existing conditions, the interests of such an institution, should it be established in York, would be greatly endangered, at least under the present management.

At a conference of ministers and consistories who were in deep sympathy with the work, the matter was fully discussed and action taken in a resolution submitted to this Board, "that in their judgment the present conditions were unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home in York."

We regret exceedingly that this must be the nature of our report, but assure Synod of our unabated interest in and pledge our continued support to the Deaconess work as you may see fit to carry it on.

In order that Synod may be unhampered in their action, we hereby tender to you our resignations to take effect immediately, in which all the members of the Board concur.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. APPLE, *President,*

E. BRUCE LYTTLE, *Secretary.*

The members of the Board are Rev. Henry H. Apple, Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle, Rev. Fred. C. Seitz, Rev. H. M. J. Klein, Elder Israel Laucks, Elder W. A. Dromgold, Elder P. C. Wiest.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren: The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home presents the peculiarly sad condition, in which an institution of Synod has been seriously hindered by the local opposition of Zion's Classis, in consequence of which the Board reports "That, in their judgment, the present conditions were unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home in York."

The Board also resigns as a body, as they say, to leave Synod unhampered.

This state of affairs threatens the very existence of the institution towards which the Synod has been looking with prayerful solicitude, and which was hoped would prove a helpful means for furthering the work of the Lord within the bounds of the Synod.

Your committee believes that the work should not end. Neither should the interest of the Church in this work be permitted to wane; and if the Home cannot be successfully established under synodical oversight at York, then some other place sought where it could be done, wherefore it presents for adoption the following:

Resolved, That this Synod declines to accept the resignation of the Board.

Resolved, That the Board is instructed to continue its efforts to foster the interests of the churches in the Deaconess Home movement, and to look for a location within the bounds of this Synod where the establishment of a home would be welcomed and supported.

Resolved, That the Board be empowered to fill vacancies occuring in its membership.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Schick.

At the election for the members of the Boards of Synod Elder E. G. Shower was elected for three years.

Members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home. Revs. E. R. Deatrick,* 1908; H. H. Apple, 1907; H. M. J.

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* Appointed to fill vacancy.

Klein, 1906; E. B. Lyttle, 1905; Elders E. G. Shower, 1907; P. C. Wiest, 1906; I. Laucks, 1905.

Report of Special Committee on Item 13 Overtures.

The special Committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. J. S. Kieffer, E. R. Eschbach, and Elder J. H. Schriver, to whom the overture from certain pastors and congregations of Zion's Classis, calling attention to the action of Zion's Classis, presented the report on Monday evening. The Report was received, read, and then adopted item by item. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren: At a conference of ministers and consistories from the following charges of the Classis of Zion, viz.: Trinity, Grace, Memorial, Emanuel, St. Stephen's of York, and Shrewsbury and Glen Rock, it was decided to call the attention of your reverend body to the arbitrary and unwarranted action of the Classis of Zion concerning important matters as follows:

1st. Classis refused to accept the apportionment for Home Missions sent down from Synod.

2d. Classis refused financial and moral support of the Deaconess work authorized by Synod on the ground that it was Synod's work and not the work of Classis.

3d. Classis refused to accept the recommendations of Synod in regard to the "Reformed Church Messenger," and disclaimed interest in and support of the church paper.

4th. Classis took unwarranted action against the motives and work of the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed churches in York in establishing Sunday-schools under their care in East York and West York.

5th. Classis falsely accused the Home Mission Board of exceeding its authority in commissioning a missionary to take charge of these interests after they had been organized into congregations and constituted a charge by the action of the Classis itself, and further published these arbitrary proceedings in the secular and church papers, and thus retarded the development and progress of the general church work in York.

In view of these actions of Classis, the following resolutions were adopted at the conference above mentioned:

Resolved 1st, That we accept our share of the apportionment

for Home Missions as sent down by Synod, and pledge our continued support to the Home Mission Board in all its legitimate work.

Resolved 2d, That while we are in hearty sympathy with the Deaconess work, we deem the existing conditions unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home in York.

Resolved 3d, That we heartily indorse the request of Synod in regard to the "Reformed Church Messenger," and will use our best efforts to increase its circulation.

Resolved 4th, That the Sunday-schools in East York and West York were started by the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed churches in a legitimate manner, their deepest motive being the extension of the Reformed Church in this community.

Resolved 5th, That we have been aggrieved by the actions of Classis, and feel that we are hampered and restricted in our work, and therefore request Synod to take these matters under consideration with a view to affording us relief.

Respectfully submitted,

ISRAEL LAUCKS, *President,*

ROBERT LEE BAIR, *Secretary,*

Of the Conference of Ministers ond Consistories.

Report of Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial from certain ministers and consistories within the bounds of Zion's Classis, would respectfully report as follows:

In the communication in question the ministers and consistories referred to complain of the action of Zion's Classis, in refusing to accept the apportionment for Home Missions sent down to it by this Synod; in refusing financial and moral support to the Deaconess work authorized by the Synod; in refusing to accept the recommendations of Synod in regard to the "Reformed Church Messenger;" in misjudging the motives and opposing the action of the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed churches in York in establishing Sunday-schools under their care in East York and West York; and, finally, in accusing the Home Mission Board of exceeding its authority in commissioning a missionary to take charge of these interests after they had been organized into congregations and constituted a charge by the actions of the

Classis itself; and in publishing these arbitrary proceedings in the secular and church papers.

In the same memorial the Synod is assured by the ministers and consistories composing the Conference from which it has come, that they, on their part, accept their share of the apportionment for Home Missions as sent down by Synod; express their sympathy with the Deaconess work, though judging the conditions unfavorable for the establishment of a Deaconess Home at York; pledge their support to the "Reformed Church Messenger;" and affirm that the Sunday-schools in East and West York were established in a legitimate manner and with the sole motive of extending the Reformed Church in that community.

In view of these facts and statements, the following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod recognizes and expresses its grateful appreciation of the fidelity and loyalty of these ministers and consistories within the bounds of Zion's Classis, by whom this memorial has been presented to it.

2. That this Synod regards with great anxiety and concern the situation of affairs with regard to its work within the bounds of Zion's Classis; a situation which, unless altered, threatens to oppose serious hindrance to, and inflict great injury upon that work.

3. That, in the judgment of this Synod, it is arbitrary and unwarranted action upon the part of any Classis within its bounds to refuse to make arrangements and provisions for the presentation to its congregations, for their voluntary contributions, of the various missionary and other benevolent causes for which the offerings of the people are solicited; or to refuse to accept apportionments made by the Synod, without any protest at the time from the representatives of that Classis.

4. That the Zion's Classis is hereby reminded that, by the actions complained of, it is doing a serious and hurtful wrong to this Synod and to the work in which we are all of us together engaged; and that this Synod earnestly and affectionately urges the said Classis to reconsider and reverse its course of action in reference to the matters in question; to accept, in full if possible, all apportionments sent down by the Synod; and to make earnest efforts to secure the payment

of the same; and, in general, to co-operate with the other Classes composing the Synod of the Potomac in carrying forward the great and important work in which the Synod is engaged.

J. Spangler Kieffer,
Jacob H. Schriver, E. R. Eschbach.

The members of the committee were constituted a new committee to meet with Zion's Classis, and present in person the above resolutions.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod presented its report, which was received and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Necrology.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to report as follows, to wit:

Since the last annual meeting of Synod but one of our number has been called from our ranks to join the great assembly in the perfect life of the other world,

THE REV. SAMUEL N. CALLENDER, D. D.

The Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., was born April 16th, 1820, in Harrisburg, Pa., and died at Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 5th, 1904, in the 84th year of his age. His parents were Norman and Elizabeth D. Callender. The family having removed to Meadville, Pa., he entered the Academy at that place, and afterward Allegheny College, from which he graduated in 1841. At Meadville he, by profession of faith in Christ, became a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his parents had transferred their membership at an earlier date, because the services in the Reformed Church at that time were all in the German language.

Soon after his graduation he accepted a clerkship in the Prothonotary's office in Harrisburg, Pa., while filling which position he felt it to be his duty to become a minister of the gospel. With this purpose in view he entered the Theological

Seminary of the Reformed Church then located at Mercersburg, Pa., where he was under the instruction of Dr. John W. Nevin, and completed the prescribed course of study in 1845.

He was licensed to preach the gospel by Lebanon Classis at its meeting in Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, Pa., in the year, 1845. Having received a call to the pastorate of the Funkstown charge in Maryland, he was ordained by a committee of Maryland Classis, in January, 1846, consisting of the Revs. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., Isaac Gerhard and W. F. Colliflower, in the Reformed Church at Funkstown, Md. He served this charge for five years, and at the same time the Clearspring charge as stated supply. On the 16th of October, 1848, and while pastor of the Funkstown charge, Dr. Callender was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Jane Harbine, of Clearspring, Md. With her he lived in happy wedlock until December 5th, 1895, when she was taken from his side to her reward in the other world.

His second charge, consisting of three congregations, was Jefferson, Md., the service of which required the crossing of the mountain every Sunday. His health had been enfeebled by an attack of bronchitis while he was pastor at Funkstown, and the severe service of this charge, with its necessary exposure, brought on another attack, and he was compelled to resign at the expiration of eighteen months.

In 1852 Dr. Callender received and accepted a call to the church in Chambersburg, Pa. His continued ill health, and other causes, contrained him to resign the pastorate of this congregation at the end of five years and retire, for a time, from the active work of the ministry. The interval between this time and his re-assumption of active ministerial work was given to secular work in Meadville, Pa.

In 1866 he resumed active work and became pastor of the Greencastle charge. Four years' service here brought on another acute attack of bronchitis, which necessitated his retirement a second time.

In order that he might have the benefit of a milder climate, Dr. Callender removed to the vicinity of Mt. Crawford, Va., in 1870, and became stated supply to two congregations belonging to the charge of the Rev. J. C. Hensel. Preaching once each Sunday, this relation finally developed into a settled pastorate extending over a period of twenty years.

In October, 1890, the Board of Foreign Missions elected Dr.

Callender as its secretary. He entered upon the duties of this office with great earnestness and zeal. He did much heroic work, and was a strong force in upholding and advancing the call to the church to carry the gospel into heathen lands. But the growing infirmities of age rendering him unable to attend to the duties of the position, he resigned in January, 1902, and up to the time of his death lived in peaceful retirement at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Dr. Callender was a trusted servant of the church. His name appears in the charter of this Synod as one of its incorporators. He was elected by this Synod as a member of the Peace Commission, and was chosen as its secretary. General Synod elected him a member of the Liturgical Committee which prepared the Directory of Worship. He was chosen chairman of one of the committees to revise the constitution of the church. Allegheny College, his Alma Mater, honored him with the degree of A. M., and in 1872, Mercersburg College conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. D.

Appropriate funeral services were held in the Reformed church in Mechanicsburg, Pa., on Monday, May the 9th. A number of ministers of the Reformed Church were present and took part in the services. The local clergy of the town attended in a body, and were represented in the service by the Rev. T. C. McCarrell of the Presbyterian church. The body was then conveyed by train to Meadville, Pa., where on Tuesday afternoon, May the 10th, it was consigned to its rest in the grave.

Thus ended the earthly life of a great and good man; and as a closing tribute to his memory your committee can do no better than to quote from the "Messenger" of May 19th:

"In Dr. Callender death found a shining mark and a ripe shock of corn. He had served his day and generation, according to the will of God, and he was ready for the summons to the eternal home. As a faithful pastor, a wise teacher, a safe guide, and a hard worker, we love to think of him. The story of his life can not be told in a brief report. His work abides. The good never dies. What we do for others will continue to exert its influence unto the end of time. There is an imperishable luster to the crown of life which the Lord has promised to his faithful servants. Through the shadow of death we pass into the glorious light of immortality. Rest, sweet rest, is the portion of God's elect who have borne the heat

of the day, and like a tired child, they can lie down to enjoy the sleep of the just."

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,

G. W. SHELLENBERGER, JACOB H. SCHRIVER.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are herewith extended to the pastor, members of this congregation and members of other congregations for their kind and hospitable entertainment. Also to Prof. Beckhoeffer and his choir for the music furnished.

That this be read by the pastor at the next regular service, and a copy be given to the other city pastors.

That $25 be given the treasurer of the Consistory.

That the H. & B. T. R. R. be thanked for their kindness in granting card orders over their road.

The Synod having transacted the business for which it had assembled, the Synodic roll was called, and those found absent without excuse were excused. The journal of Monday evening's session was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, viz.:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Ascension Reformed Church, Newport, Perry county, Pa., on Wednesday, evening, October 18 A. D., 1905, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening October 31, 1904, at 10.30 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benedition by the President.

J. W. PONTIUS, *President,*

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

An official copy from the original minutes.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

1. ZION'S CLASSIS, 1904. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-schools.			Students for Ministry	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat'd.	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncom'd.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Aaron Spangler	511 W. Market St., York	Trinity	1	178	139	79	13	1	6	6	2	..	...	1	2	3	78	272	..	$42 23	$280 00	12
Aaron H. Leisz	Host, Berks Co.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Francis C. Yost	125 N. Beaver St., York	Heidelberg, York	1	615	420	250	18	4	33	25	14	..	...	6	...	1	45	700	..	5904 00	4502 00	12
George S. Sorber	714 W. King St., York	Bethany, York	1	155	107	96	16	1	4	16	2	..	6	...	1	1	29	286	..	71 00	1155 00	10
George Stibitz, Ph. D.	419 W. Phila. St., York	Zion's, York	1	460	358	220	25	1	18	14	15	..	...	8	3	1	39	564	..	478 00	2798 00	12
John J. Stauffer	746 Poplar St., York	Dallastown	4	292	254	210	30	5	38	7	4	..	...	7	3	4	20	210	..	124 00	1185 00	17
Oliver P. Schellhamer.	421 W. Phila. St., York	Paradise	5	1015	969	676	81	11	66	6	19	..	8	30	15	5	48	900	1	520 00	2625 00	40
R. E. Butz, M. D.	160 E. Market St., York	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Henry H. Appel	119 S. Duke St., York	Trinity, York	1	549	421	235	14	...	14	12	17	..	...	4	1	1	37	395	..	4800 08	5234 00	15
Charles P. Kehl	Dillsburg, York Co.	Dillsburg	4	239	145	130	...	6	15	1	2	..	...	3	5	4	39	320	..	60 00	975 00	19
Wm. A. Korn, Ph. D.	Hellam, York Co.	Kreutz Creek	3	350	250	112	19	1	10	6	6	..	2	4	1	4	60	472	..	1067 00	1264 00	28
Hiram J. Hillegass	Shrewsbury, York Co.	Shrewsbury	4	391	339	289	24	1	26	7	7	..	21	12	8	4	44	290	..	339 81	1500 00	22
H. M. J. Klein	223 N. Hartley St., York	Grace, York	1	348	302	300	10	2	13	12	5	..	4	2	2	1	41	545	..	860 00	7714 51	9
E. Bruce Lyttle	144 E. Phila. St., York	Memorial, York	1	190	128	103	14	2	3	7	1	..	3	4	11	1	26	338	..	164 37	1305 21	10
Israel S. Leiby	Glen Rock, York Co.	Glen Rock	3	460	382	207	21	...	30	1	14	..	12	9	...	2	30	181	..	324 00	1029 58	20
J. Kern McKee	Red Lion, York Co.	St. John's	2	121	110	94	4	...	11	4	2	..	1	2	...	2	25	270	..	108 20	803 34	9
Robert L. Bair	338 W. Market St., York	St. Stephen-Emanuel	2	101	69	58	2	2	18	83	...	...	...	...	1	2	33	303	..	50 00	194 00	10
Charles B. Heinly	551 W. King St., York	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arthur C. Ohl		Quickel's	1	120	50	60	6	4	8	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 38	89 00	8
W. A. Korn, Ph. D., Sup.	Hellam, York Co.	Locust Grove	1	18	17	....	...	...	2	...	4	..	..	..	..	1	18	45	..	15 51	54 00	...
J. K. McKee, Supply	Red Lion, York Co.	Lebanon	1	15	14	15	...	...	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	.....	5 00	4
Totals			39	5617	4474	3134	297	41	315	207	114	..	57	92	51	37	612	6091	1	14946 23	32712 64	257

2. MARYLAND CLASSIS, 1904.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.				Sunday-schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncon'd.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jos. W. Santee, D. D...	Mercersburg, Pa.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Geo. L. Staley.....	1506 Bolton St., Baltimore.	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
E. R. Eschbach, D. D..	Frederick, Md.....	Evan. Reformed.....	1	555	475	320	17	...	17	5	14	..	..	12	18	1	92	433	..	$14968 67	$4203 39	...
J. S. Kieffer, D. D.....	229N.Potomac,Hagerstо'n	Zion's.....	1	506	437	145	12	3	15	11	6	..	..	13	..	1	43	295	1	1160 78	2789 66	...
Joel T. Rossiter, D. D.	822 N. Calvert St., Balto..	First Church, Balto..	1	668	501	471	38	...	21	10	2	..	..	20	5	1	32	255	1	591 00	3624 00	..
Vacant.....	.....	Third Church, Balto.	1	307	254	67	7	2	17	4	5	..	2	9	..	1	34	206	1	719 00	3000 00	...
Silas M. Hench.....	Frederick, Md.....	Uica	3	423	196	248	21	...	9	3	5	..	..	5	2	3	62	324	..	214 86	2268 00	...
Jacob B. Kerschner...	175LeacockSt.,Allegheny.	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Louis F. Zinkhan	Washington, D. C.....	Without Charge.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
E. R. Deatrick, B. D...	342 3d Ave., Woodberry..	Trinity	1	182	127	155	24	1	2	9	...	..	2	3	3	1	20	200	..	353 00	1207 00	...
Barton R. Carnahan ..	Keedysville, Wash. Co. ..	Mt. Moriah.....	3	265	197	56	1	1	3	2	4	..	5	7	..	2	38	209	..	244 00	765 00	...
Calvin S. Slagle.....	Westminster, Md.....	St. Paul's.....	1	150	130	61	7	...	6	5	5	..	...	...	2	1	16	62	..	236 00	1000 00	...
Conrad Clever, D. D...	Hagerstown, Md.	Christ, Hagerstown .	2	414	330	174	9	11	28	16	15	..	..	4	3	2	37	265	..	16512 00	3113 00	...
A. S. Weber, D. D.	130S.Pat'rs'n P'rk Av.Balt.	Faith, Baltimore.....	1	370	350	270	46	..	39	18	3	.	7	4	7	1	40	550	1	295 00	2161 00	...
George A. Whitmore..	Thurmont Md.....	Thurmont.....	4	454	364	461	21	2	14	7	7	..	..	4	4	4	52	560	1	212 00	1739 00	...
Harry F. Dittmar.....	Jefferson, Md.....	Jefferson	2	206	180	111	5	...	...	....	4	..	..	7	1	2	32	225	..	300 00	1000 00	...
George W. Snyder.....	Boonsboro, Md.....	Without Charge.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charles W. Levan.....	306 E. 23d St., Baltimore..	St. Stephen's	1	121	82	84	10	...	4	3	2	..	5	...	3	1	20	126	..	112 00	973 00	...
Fred A. Cook	Union Bridge, Md.....	Union Bridge.....	3	260	171	100	9	...	5	1	5	...	..	2	1	3	27	100	..	125 00	535 00	...
Atvill Conner.....	Adamstown, Md.....	Manor	3	276	209	124	9	...	5	8	8	...	..	1	1	3	45	174	..	651 00	1261 00	...
Isaac M. Motter.....	Frederick, Md.	Without Charge.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lloyd E. Coblentz.....	1314W.MulberrySt.,Balto.	St. Paul's.....	1	534	469	437	25	2	37	21	12	..	13	9	2	1	31	372	..	578 00	10395 00	...
Samuel M. Roeder.....	Manchester, R. F. D., Md.	Manchester	3	551	412	248	20	...	11	4	1	..	4	14	2	3	45	296	..	325 00	1214 00	...
David J. Wolf	Taneytown, Md.....	Taneytown	2	381	270	212	15	...	...	1	10	..	7	10	2	1	24	125	..	221 00	1813 42	...
Simon S. Miller.....	Frederick, Md.....	Tr. Relief Society....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christopher Noss.....	Allentown, Pa.....	Miss. in Japan	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Frederick W. Bald	Clearspring, Md.....	Clearspring	2	235	203	81	19	5	5	6	2	..	..	4	2	2	24	200	..	697 00	825 20	...
W. C. B. Shulenberger.	Emmittsburg, Md.....	Without Charge.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
John W. Pontius.....	Middletown, Md	Christ, Middletown	1	512	395	386	15	...	15	2	5	..	31	9	3	1	57	473	..	916-00	5092 00	...

2. MARYLAND CLASSIS, 1904.—*Continued.*

Eugene L. McLean	Frederick, Md	Grace	1	278	200	225	26	3	17	18	2		2	2	1	35	415	1	$266 00	$14600 00	
J. J. Schaeffer	Walkersville, Md.	Glade	2	253	214	142	14		6	3	10		1	2	2	37	201		372 07	790 00	
Elmer L. Coblentz	Ridgely, Md.	St. Paul's, Ridgely	1	125	90	65	4		2		2		2	1	1	21	108		104 00	750 00	
J. Stewart Hartman	Littlestown, R.F.D.No.44.	St. Mary's	1	581	458	344	23	2	21	4	3		2	8	2	1	26	189	482 00	1145 00	
Wm. Lampe	Sendai, Japan	Miss. in Japan																			
John M. Schick, D. D.	1405 15th St., N. W. Wash.	Grace, Washington	1	245	209	68	13	4	10	34	6			6		1	17	132	537 68	5435 35	
James M. Mullan, B.D.	2200 Hoffman St., Balto.	St. Mark's	1	155	128	90	23	1	23	10	6			2	1	1	20	295	101 21	1086 28	
James B. Stonesifer	Westminster, Md.	Carroll	3	310	268	162	30	6	19	5				5	3	3	45	280	152 70	850 00	
Robert J. Pilgram	1231 Light St., Baltimore	Grace, Baltimore	1	198	151	150	23	2	16	10				6	1	1	23	251	144 71	1409 97	
Will S. Fisher	Burkittsville, Md.	Burkittsville	3	181	137	68	7		2	5				2	2	3	25	199	171 55	910 94	
Gustav R. Poetter	1606 N. Gilmor St., Balto.	Christ, Baltimore	1	251	192	121	12	1	12	13	2		4	4		1	28	326	214 28	2800 00	
J. Philip Harner	Cavetown, Md.	Cavetown	3	373	329	124	11	6	14	3	7		6	7	1	3	32	192	310 72	847 23	
Samuel T. Wagner	Funkstown, Md.	Boonsboro	2	105	80	62	3	4	8		1		5	2		2	22	99	165 00	734 00	
Charles A. Bushong	Sabillasville, Md.	Sabillasville	2	103	79	94	8	6	19					2		2	23	156	53 50	287 00	
James R. Lewis	Mt. Pleasant, Md.	Mt. Pleasant	3	180	159	71	8		11	6	7			1		2	22	130	179 00	756 00	
A. M. Gluck	Emmittsburg, Md.	Ch. of Incarnation	1	140	100	46	1				3		3	1	1	1	8	31	1	108 25	505 37
Vacant	Braddock, Md.	Braddock	1	33	20	30	9							2		1	5	30	19 44	52 00	
Joseph H. Apple, lic.	Frederick, Md	Pres. Wom. Col.																			
William H. Warner, lic.	Sporting Hill, Pa.																				
Totals	46		65	10891	8566	6063	559	62	434	247	164		96	190	77	61	1160	8487	7	$12817 42	$81937 62	

3. MERCERSBURG CLASSIS. Rev. W. C. Cremer, D. D., Stated Clerk.

Wm. C. Cremer, D. D.	Chambersburg, Pa.	Mont Alto	1	47	44	14	2		4	8	3			1		1	8	55		$50 00	$146 00	
F. F. Bahner, D. D.	Waynesboro, Pa.	Waynesboro	2	465	355	105	16	5	20	11	6			14	1	2	56	343		621 00	1450 00	
G. W. Aughinbaugh, DD	Greenvillage, Pa.	Without Charge																					
G. B. Russell, D.D, LL.D.	Waynesboro, Pa.	Without Charge																					
Edgar R. Appenzeller	Chambersburg, Pa.	St. John's	1	328	265	159	18	6	14	13	12		18	3	3	1	29	246		280 00	1826 00	
W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.	Chambersburg, Pa.	Zion's	1	406	278	150	5			16	4			3	1	1	24	221		1389 00	2184 00	
Elias F. Faust	St. Thomas, Pa.	St. Thomas'	3	197			8			3	2					1	60	48			450 00	
I. N. Peightel	Greencastle, Pa.	Grace	1	308	275	60	5	2	7	15	7		10	7		1	15	135	1	490 00	3528 00	
Chas. A. Santee	Mercersburg, Pa.	Mercersburg	2	276	236	95	1			8	3		18	4	1	1				502 00	1053 00	14
C. M. Smith	McConnellsburg, Pa.	McConnellsburg	3	185	150	98	11	1	1	3	2			1		1	10	56		130 00	427 00	10
Edward O. Keen	Waynesboro, Pa.	St. Paul's	2	265	201	115	8		1	7	4			4	3	2	39	195		400 00	17109 00	
Vacant		Ft. Louden	3	166	113				2		9			2	1	2	26	129		100 00	350 00	
Gideon P. Fisher	Marion, Pa.	Grindstone Hill	2	339	292	135	10	15	23	11	19			4	1	2	24	261		469 00	1458 00	
J. O. Reagle	Shippensburg, Pa.	Grace	1	306	239	90	9	2	12	9	1		1	6		1	27	163		525 00	1011 00	
J. B. Shantz	Chambersburg, Pa.	Without charge																					
Clayton H. Ranck	Mercersburg, Pa.																						16
Vacant		Middleb'rg-Wil'm's'n	2	171	143		4	1	8	1	10		12			2	43	225		90 00	450 00	
W. M. Irvine, Ph.D., lic.	Mercersburg, Pa.																						
Geo. Leslie Omwake, lic	Collegeville, Pa.																						
Totals	17		24	3459	2591	1021	97	32	92	105	82		59	49	11	18	361	2080	1	$5046 00	$31442 00	40

4. VIRGINIA CLASSIS, 1904.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncon'd.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Ben-volent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
J. A. Hoffheins, D. D..	Martinsburg, W. Va.....	Christ	1	331	243	135	4	...	13	4	6	..	3	4	2	1	32	213	..	$905 00	$2381 00	...
J. W. Rauch.....	Martinsburg, W. Va.....	Falling Waters	1	19	13	3	1	..	1	....	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	5	..	22 00	121 00	6
Geo. G. Everhart.....	Harrisonburg, Va.....	St. Stephen's	1	20	19	14	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	25	..	47 00	240 00	6
Josiah May.....	Bayard, W. Va.....	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	1
S. A. Hitner.....	Edenburg, Va.....	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	...
N. H. Skyles.....	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock.....	2	256	230	130	1	4	9	5	2	...	..	3	..	1	16	107	1	324 00	800 00	...
H. Ditzler	Mt. Jackson, Va	Mill Creek	4	198	174	120	5	3	12	1	6	..	..	3	1	3	20	175	..	142 00	600 00	...
Lewis T. Lampe	Lovettsville, Va	Without Charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	...
R. Raymond Jones ...	Woodstock, Va.	Massanutten Acad...	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	...
Ellis Hay.....	Roanoke, Va.....	St. Paul's.....	1	70	54	35	2	1	5	10	3	..	1	1	1	1	8	73	..	72 00	705 00	8
A. Theo. Wright.....	Mt. Crawford, Va.....	Rockingham	3	326	270	126	5	15	25	4	1	..	4	13	4	4	25	247	..	403 00	838 00	...
A. Shulenberger.....	Edenburg, Va.....	Edenburg	3	145	139	78	6	2	7	2	3	...	..	6	4	2	19	115	..	145 00	580 00	14
M. A. Keiffer.....	Timberville, Va.	Timberville	3	276	219	135	6	9	14	4	1	..	4	8	1	2	20	145	..	130 00	664 00	22
T. K. Cromer.....	Winchester, Va.	Winchester	2	126	93	89	9	...	3	3	1	..	..	....	..	2	26	83	..	145 00	593 00	12
Supply	Winchester, Va.	Smithfield	1	8	4	1	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	5 00	9 00	3
A. H. Smith	Tom's Brook, Va.	Harrisville	2	241	187	87	7	3	8	2	3	..	2	4	3	2	31	212	..	216 00	1403 80	...
J. Elmer Guy.....	Shepherdstown, W. Va...	Shepherdstown	2	131	107	57	5	2	8	2	2	...	..	3	..	2	24	120	1	151 00	895 00	14
Ben K. Hay	Mt. Crawford, Va.....	Mt. Crawford	3	212	168	78	...	6	5	6	1	..	2	1	..	3	42	193	..	351 77	577 00	20
J. M. Sonder	Arbor Hill, Va.....	Middlebrook	2	210	169	72	7	...	...	1	4	...	..	2	..	2	28	198	1	95 00	726 00	12
Supply	Lovettsville, Va.....	St. James.....	1	131	116	89	3	...	3	....	...	...	...	2	..	1	12	53	..	86 76	709 75	...
Julius Bologh, lic.....	Pocahontas, Va.....	Pocahontas (Hung.) .	2	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	.....	...
Totals 19	.....	....	34	2700	2215	1249	63	45	114	45	33	..	16	50	16	28	312	1964	3	$3240 53	$12042 55	118

5. NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS, 1904. J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncon'd.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
John Ingle	Green Park, N. C.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Michael L. Hedrick	Silver Hill, N. C.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Newton, N. C.	Grace	1	72	58	22	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	8	41	..	$50 00	$150 00	5
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	Newton, N. C.	Agent Catawba Col.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
John A. Foil, Ph. D.	Newton, N. C.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paul Barringer	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. L. Murphy, D. D.	Hickory, N. C.	Hickory	1	189	175	42	8	..	18	7	3	..	2	..	..	1	12	107	..	180 00	1356 00	12
Jacob C. Leonard	Lexington, N. C.	Lexington Mission	1	89	67	36	6	..	2	6	1	..	..	1	..	1	13	227	..	91 00	784 00	12
J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D.	Crescent, N. C.	Central Rowan	5	226	194	222	21	2	6	4	21	..	..	2	..	4	41	410	4	408 18	430 00	24
James D. Andrew	Burlington, N. C.	Burlington Mission	3	219	171	52	7	30	7	13	7	..	5	3	..	3	17	480	..	108 00	472 00	18
Julius H. Shuford	Hickory, N. C.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
H. A. M. Holshouser	Concord, N. C.	Concord	1	93	72	44	2	..	..	11	4	..	..	..	1	1	13	75	..	52 00	477 00	8
William H. McNairy	Lenoir, N. C.	Lenoir Mission	1	20	18	6	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	32	..	19 62	126 08	5
Clarence Clapp	Newton, N. C	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Henry E. Sechler	Gainesville, Fla.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Joshua L. Bowers	China Grove N. C.	West Rowan	2	217	180	124	7	1	12	3	4	..	3	1	..	2	29	276	..	115 00	584 00	9
John H. Keller	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	New Gilead	2	282	220	219	17	..	11	1	10	..	1	3	2	2	27	171	..	261 00	644 00	16
W. B. Duttera, B.D., Ph.D.	Salisbury, N. C.	Faith, Salisbury	1	59	35	41	1	..	2	5	..	..	1	..	1	1	7	58	..	42 10	525 81	8
David E. Bowers	High Point, N. C.	High Point Mission	1	61	35	25	6	3	4	9	12	3	4	..	..	1	10	200	..	30 00	162 00	9
Samuel W. Beck	Conover, N. C.	Catawba	4	201	165	106	19	1	19	10	6	..	..	2	..	1	9	60	..	80 51	1644 85	19
Walter W. Rowe	Rockwell, N. C.	East Rowan	3	341	260	290	30	4	18	4	14	..	..	..	..	3	37	460	2	495 00	630 00	17
Calvin B. Heller	Maiden, N. C.	Lincoln	4	338	298	172	25	5	31	5	11	..	2	3	1	4	34	246	..	666 00	742 00	28
William H. Causey	Lexington, R.F.D. No.1.	Upper Davidson	4	517	420	84	26	16	26	5	24	..	..	4	..	4	24	332	..	193 00	1239 00	24
Shuford Peeler	Greensboro, N. C.	Greensboro Mission.	1	24	21	7	..	3	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	11	103	..	10 00	896 00	8
Allen R. Holshouser	Crescent, N. C.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. H. McNairy, Supply.	Blowing Rock, N. C.	Blowing Rock	1	21	15	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 50	24 50	3
Chas. E. Wehler	Newton, N. C.	Newton	1	143	121	93	4	..	..	2	3	..	3	2	1	1	17	155	1	134 00	769 00	9
Vacant	Thomasville, N. C.	Thomasville Mission.	3	185	104	85	1	3	8	1	1	..	..	4	..	3	35	271	..	57 00	146 00	15
S. W. Beck, Supply	Conover, N. C.	Bethel	1	75	63	34	7	2	9	1	3	..	..	1	..	1	8	75	..	20 75	85 50	6
Paul Barringer, Supply.	Lamont, N. C.	Guilford	2	272	..	..	7	..	..	..	20	..	..	2	..	2	16	152	2	59 00	150 00	25
Geo. A. Snyder	Newton, N. C.	Pres't Catawba Col.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant	McKee, N. C.	Lower Davidson	5	310	225	75	3	33	73	4	5	..	..	2	..	3	20	145	..	60 71	162 80	25
Totals			48	3954	2906	1889	200	101	241	101	161	3	21	26	6	41	393	4076	9	$3140 17	$12200 54	305

6. GETTYSBURG CLASSIS. T. J. Barkley, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					S. Schools.			Students for Minist'y.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncon'd.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Wm. K. Zieber, D. D..	Hanover, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Prof. in Sem. Lanc., Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Thos. J. Barkley, D. D.	Gettysburg, Pa.	Gettysburg	1	297	290	293	12	2	6	1	2	..	..	7	1	1	21	175	..	$570 00	$1041 00	20
John H. Hartman	Hanover, Pa	W. Manheim	4	560	525	360	46	..	23	11	6	..	..	7	4	4	28	200	..	248 00	1200 00	30
Walter E. Krebs, D. D.	Littlestown, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Francis S. Lindaman .	Littlestown, Pa.	Christ Church	3	740	670	475	46	..	19	5	17	..	..	8	3	3	62	367	..	481 00	1200 00	30
John F. Mackley	Fairfield	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. Marvin Mickley	Mackknightstown, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wm. D. LeFevre	Smyrna, Del.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marsly J. Roth	Hanover, Pa.	Trinity	1	617	582	260	25	2	26	44	10	..	28	14	6	1	45	565	2	325 00	3212 00	10
Paul M. Spangler	East Berlin, Pa.	East Berlin	4	343	221	100	12	3	13	....	3	..	..	8	4	4	46	279	..	114 00	713 00	16
Wharton A. Kline	Collegeville, Pa.	Prof. in Ursinus College.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	Hanover, Pa.	Emmanuel	1	506	387	148	14	1	6	10	5	..	5	6	2	1	30	214	4	1422 00	11602 00	10
Nathan W. Sechler	Codorus, Pa.	Jefferson	3	781	734	513	33	..	27	10	20	..	..	17	4	3	38	225	..	356 00	2360 00	20
Alexander P. Frantz	Spring Forge, Pa	Lischey	2	454	392	270	27	1	25	9	4	..	..	4	3	2	34	320	..	410 00	1550 00	20
J. Hamilton Smith	Littlestown, Pa.	Littlestown	1	342	255	120	10	..	13	9	14	..	..	1	3	1	28	195	..	389 00	1391 00	15
Theodore C. Hesson	Arendtsville, Pa.	Arendtsville	2	431	370	177	11	3	20	4	9	..	..	8	2	2	32	320	..	430 00	670 00	20
Silas P. Mauger	New Oxford, Pa.	New Oxford	3	610	475	275	25	1	11	4	13	..	2	3	5	3	51	360	..	373 00	1175 00	20
Jacob M. Stick	Sendai, Japan	Missionary in Japan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
William E. Bushong ..	Hanover, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ed. W. Stonebraker...	Fairfield, Pa.	Cashtown	3	417	363	203	21	7	56	6	6	..	..	3	1	3	36	203	1	190 00	1150 00	28
T. J. Barkley	Gettysburg, Pa	St. Mark's (supply)	1	88	84	60	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	10	68	..	30 00	135 00	8
Total			29	6186	5348	3254	282	20	247	113	109	..	35	88	38	29	471	3491	7	$6338 00	$41399 00	243

7. CARLISLE CLASSIS. Wm. H. Groh, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.				Sunday-schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncon'd.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Miles O. Noll	Carlisle, Pa.	Carlisle	1	391	332	151	8	3	10	7	12	..	11	4	..	1	29	375	..	$821 00	$2028 00	12
Geo. W. Shellenberger	Landisburg, Pa.	Landisburg	4	384	285	200	9	..	9	7	7	..	5	6	6	4	63	447	..	743 00	852 00	26
J. Thomas Fox	New Bloomfield, Pa.	New Bloomfield	2	130	120	62	6	1	4	1	7	..	..	6	1	2	25	160	1	199 04	1472 36	20
Charles A. Waltman	Blain, Pa.	Zion's	4	450	343	223	30	4	32	6	9	..	7	12	1	4	47	349	2	336 00	766 00	23
Frank L. Kerr	Newport, Pa.	Newport	1	231	194	125	7	5	11	11	4	..	59	4	6	1	29	206	..	430 00	1510 00	20
Harry W. Wissler	Carlisle, Pa.	Sulphur Springs	4	191	145	74	..	..	..	1	2	..	9	1	1	4	50	215	..	240 00	1085 00	18
Monroe M. Noacker	Marysville, Pa.	Duncannon	3	213	180	98	4	3	13	1	5	..	1	1	..	2	33	179	..	229 00	1685 00	20
Hiram J. Macalister	Newburg, Pa.	Newburg	1	132	112	63	5	..	3	2	..	..	2	2	1	1	20	172	..	155 68	700 51	20
Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Mechanicsburg	1	245	219	90	2	2	5	6	8	..	2	7	4	1	27	253	..	513 00	1450 00	25
Solomon B. Schafer	Martinsburg, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Samuel P. Stauffer	Philadelphia, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
George A. House	Dayton, Ohio	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
William H. Groh	Carlisle, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edwin D. Meixell	Greensburg, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
F. W. Shulenberger	Mt. Tabor, Pa.	Licentiate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total			21	2367	1930	1086	71	18	87	42	54	..	96	43	20	20	323	2356	3	$3666 72	$11548 87	18

8. JUNIATA CLASSIS. J. David Miller, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncon'd.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Fred'k A. Rupley, D. D...	Martinsburg, Pa.	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lewis Robb	Altoona, Pa.	Trinity	1	489	429	300	29	5	23	35	8	..	17	4	1	1	$875 00	$3300 00	12
Daniel G. Hetrick	Schellsburg, Pa.	Schellsburg	3	244	209	224	10	1	5	1	5	..	3	4	3	..	197 00	520 00	21
Preston A. DeLong	Huntingdon, Pa.	Huntingdon	1	350	260	125	11	5	16	23	8	..	8	12	3	..	1129 00	1470 00	12
Benj. F. Bausman	Cessna, Pa.	Dunnings Creek	3	356	253	132	2	...	2	1	4	..	...	2	1	..	341 00	781 00	20
John D. Hicks	Altoona, Pa.	Grace	1	202	191	180	7	2	12	34	3	..	...	2	1	..	156 60	4305 00	12
Albert F. Nace	St. Clairsville, Pa.	St. Clairsville	3	423	299	143	1	...	...	9	4	..	1	12	1	..	699 00	823 00	41
John S. Heffner	Roaring Spring, Pa.	Hickory Bottom	3	287	193	132	4	3	3	8	5	..	1	8	5	..	233 00	4838 00	22
Howard Obold	Alexandria, Pa.	Water Street	3	363	275	155	16	2	12	3	17	..	...	9	3	..	673 00	1401 00	25
Walter E. Garrett	McConnellstown, Pa.	McConnellstown	3	338	270	78	...	8	23	11	12	..	...	3	...	..	326 00	980 00	30
Wm. C. Slough	Martinsburg, Pa.	Martinsburg	2	258	213	108	7	1	8	2	6	..	1	5	...	..	530 00	1121 00	28
Geo. W. Welsh	James Creek, Pa.	Wood Cock Valley	3	347	239	155	4	4	11	31	6	..	1	2	3	..	263 00	1092 00	26
J. David Miller	Everett, Pa.	Everett	2	159	135	101	1	1	10	2	3	..	1	2	1	..	300 00	3675 00	18
Charles W. Warlich	Manns Choice, Pa.	Sulphur Springs	3	352	252	204	13	...	14	2	5	..	...	5	1	..	231 00	870 00	21
A. Thos. G. Apple	Bedford, Pa.	St. John's, Bedford	1	214	169	74	3	...	5	21	5	..	...	...	1	..	221 00	2869 00	12
Warren J. Johnson	Altoona, Pa.	Christ Church	1	657	430	212	22	2	12	39	5	..	...	4	...	..	692 00	9477 00	30
Christian Gumbert	Loysburg, Pa.	Yellow Creek	4	198	184	82	7	3	6	2	7	..	...	3	...	..	182 00	870 00	16
J. D. Hunsicker	Claysburg, Pa.	Greenfield	4	462	394	257	16	1	20	....	18	..	5	2	5	..	465 00	715 00	24
Chas. F. Althouse	Saxton, Pa.	Saxton	3	200	147	109	14	2	14	5	11	..	2	2	...	..	210 00	1220 00	18
Vacant	Clearville, Pa.	Clear Ridge	3	100	86	58	8	4	6	3	5	..	...	2	2	..	101 00	272 00	12
Vacant	Koontzville, Pa.	Friends Cove	3	285	213	175	12	...	16	1	19	..	...	4	1	..	94 00	391 00	27
P. A. DeLong (supply) ..	Orbisonia, Pa.	Orbisonia	3	47	47	17	...	..	2	....	...	..	...	2	...	..	40 00	78 00	10
Total			53	6331	4913	3021	187	44	220	236	156	..	40	89	32	1	$18511 00	$40308 00	430

Total Statistical Summary of Potomac Synod for the Year A. D., 1904.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	No. of Classis.	No. of Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uncon'd.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Zion	1	19	39	5617	4474	3145	297	41	315	207	114	..	57	92	51	37	612	6091	1	$14946 00	$32713 00	....
Maryland	1	57	65	10891	8566	6063	559	62	434	247	164	..	96	190	77	61	1160	8487	7	42817 00	81937 00	....
Mercersburg	1	12	24	3459	2591	1021	97	32	92	105	82	..	59	49	11	18	361	2080	1	5046 00	31442 00	....
Virginia	1	19	34	2700	2215	1249	63	45	114	45	33	..	16	50	16	28	312	1964	3	3241 00	12043 00	....
North Carolina	1	25	48	3954	2906	1889	200	101	251	101	161	3	21	26	6	41	393	4076	9	3140 00	12201 00	....
Gettysburg	1	20	29	6186	5348	3254	282	20	247	113	109	..	35	88	38	29	471	3491	7	6338 00	41399 00	....
Carlisle	1	14	21	2367	1930	1086	71	18	87	42	54	..	96	43	20	20	323	2356	3	3667 00	11544 00	....
Juniata	1	20	53	6346	4913	3021	211	50	210	221	55	..	41	84	31	41	613	4498	1	18511 00	40308 00	....
Total	8	176	313	41520	32943	20717	1780	369	1750	1081	762	3	441	622	250	275	4245	33043	32	$97706 00	$263589 00	....

Total Statistical Summary for Eight Synods for the Year A. D., 1904.

SYNODS.																						
Eastern Synod	12	329	553	108610	86089	54607	5497	594	4812	3522	1936	2	1904	957	989	580	10575	88687	66	$118970 00	$634569 00	....
Ohio Synod	6	148	232	26736	21801	5679	704	550	1190	1017	552	7	846	390	88	215	3282	23316	28	57860 00	148127 00	....
Synod of N. West	12	177	228	24001	16827	15008	1649	24	1194	783	322	7	457	327	177	212	1587	12736	39	23535 00	140922 00	....
Pittsburg Synod	5	96	162	20139	16923	10765	1128	176	884	878	526	..	596	348	122	139	1768	12987	5	35889 00	186334 00	....
Potomac Synod	8	176	313	41520	32943	20717	1780	369	1750	1081	762	3	444	622	250	275	4245	30043	32	97706 00	263557 00	....
German Synod of East	4	67	58	15933	12751	10532	1739	31	984	1256	75	..	501	153	185	58	1117	11561	4	10633 00	130558 00	....
Central Synod	5	107	123	23727	17297	12463	1240	104	1126	810	223	10	662	362	182	110	1802	13574	14	22964 00	111385 00	....
Synod of Interior	5	54	62	3379	2374	1185	126	137	217	158	117	..	163	37	14	57	702	4307	4	6808 00	33614 00	....
Total	57	1154	1731	261017	207205	130956	13863	1985	12157	9505	4511	29	5670	4196	2007	1646	25077	197211	192	$381335 00	$1649066 00	....

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